

# Light composite flavor-singlet scalar in large $N_f$ QCD

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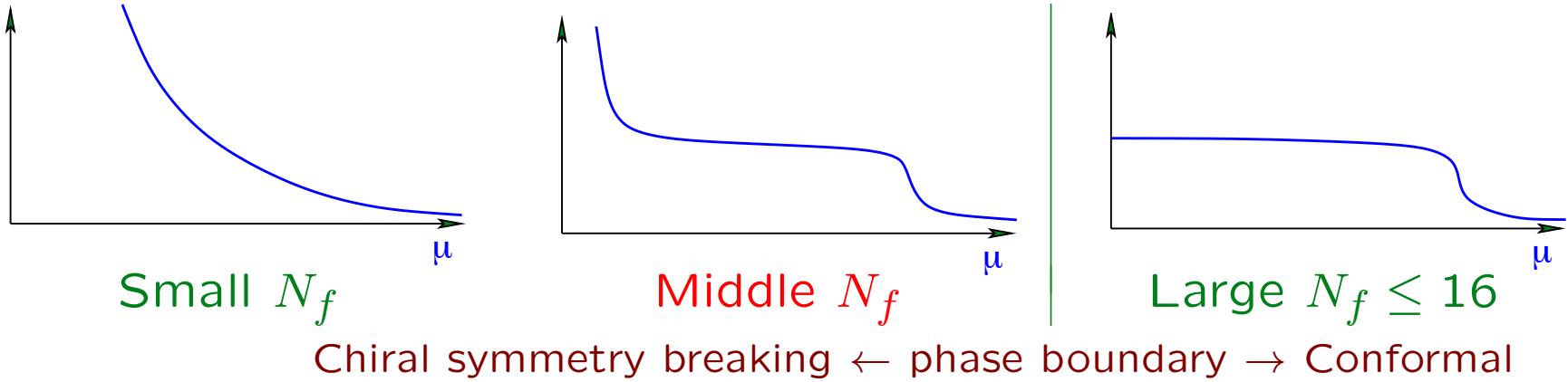
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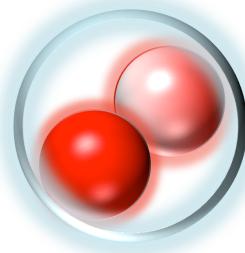
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- Higgs  $\approx$  Light composite scalar pNGB (technidilaton) of scale symmetry breaking



$$m_{\text{Higgs}}/v_{\text{EW}} \sim 0.5 = m_\sigma / (\sqrt{N_d} F)$$

$F$  : decay constant,  $N_d$  : number of weak doublets

usual QCD  $m_\sigma/F \sim 4\text{--}5$

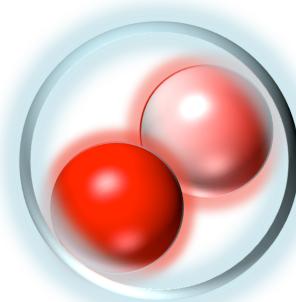
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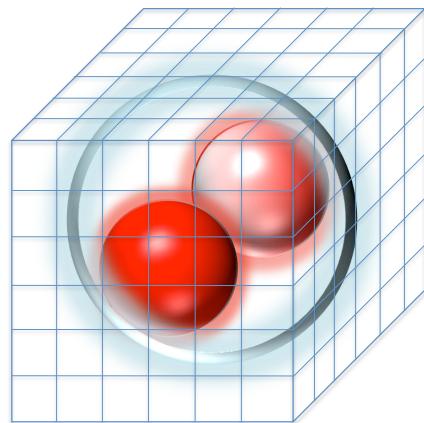
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# Recent studies in our project

## Purpose in our project

Search for candidate of walking technicolor

Systematic investigation of  $N_f$  dependence

SU(3) gauge theory with  $N_f = 0, 4, \textcolor{red}{8}, \textcolor{red}{12}, 16$  fermions

Common setup for all  $N_f$ : Improved staggered action (HISQ/Tree)

Cheaper calculation cost + small lattice systematic error

HISQ '07 HPQCD and UKQCD; HISQ/Tree '12 Bazakov *et al.*

Basic physical quantities:  $m_\pi$ ,  $F_\pi$ ,  $m_\rho$ ,  $\langle\bar{\psi}\psi\rangle$

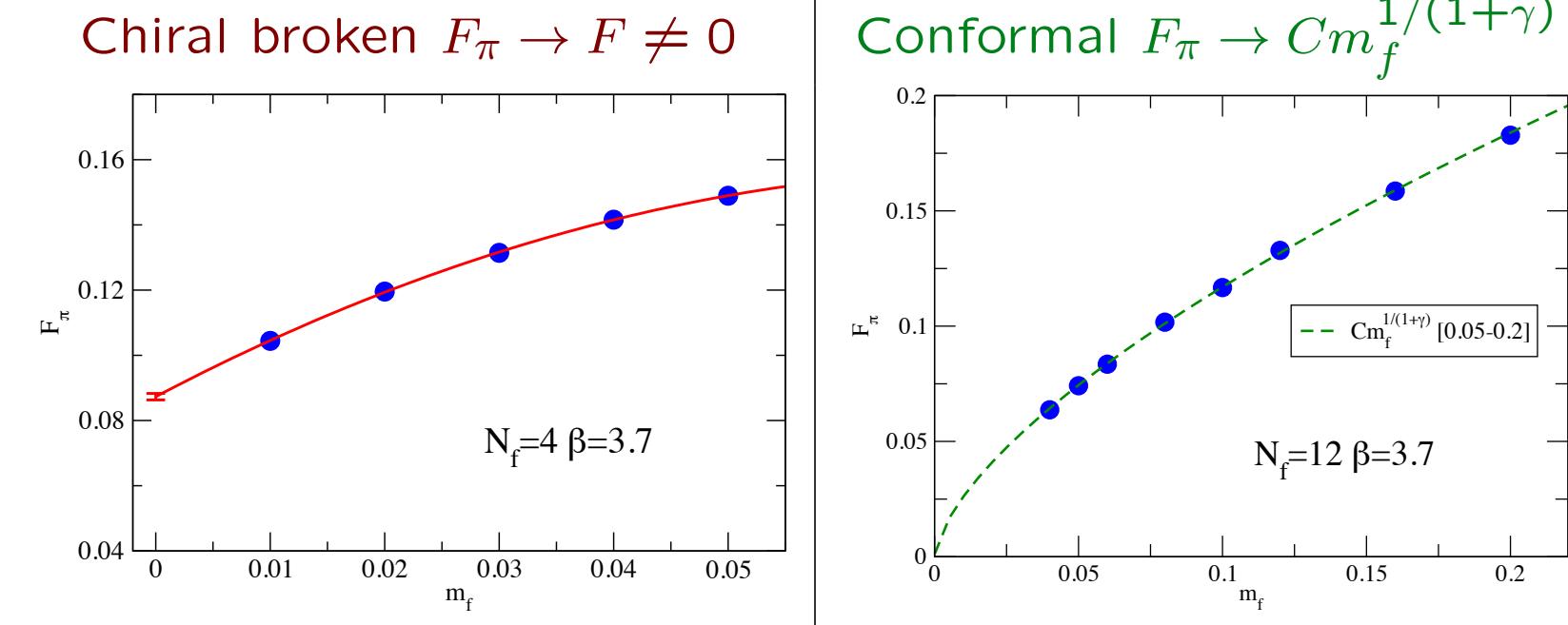
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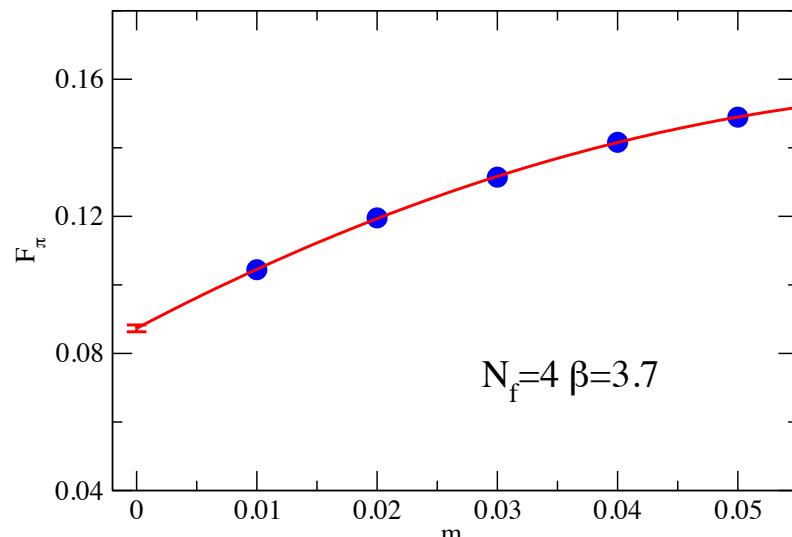
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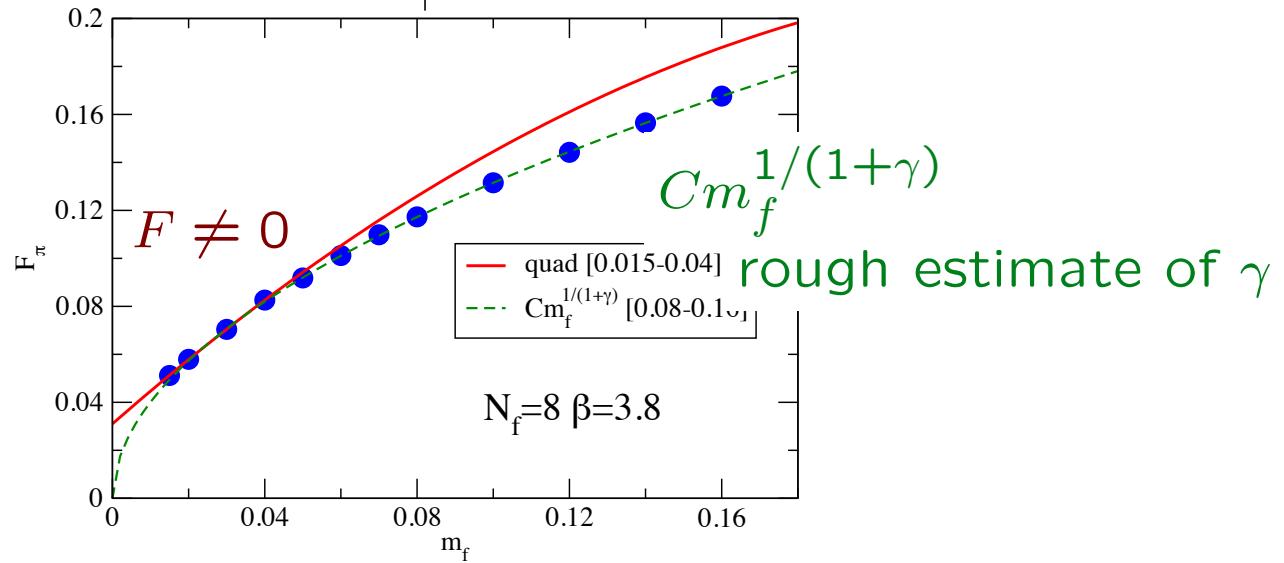
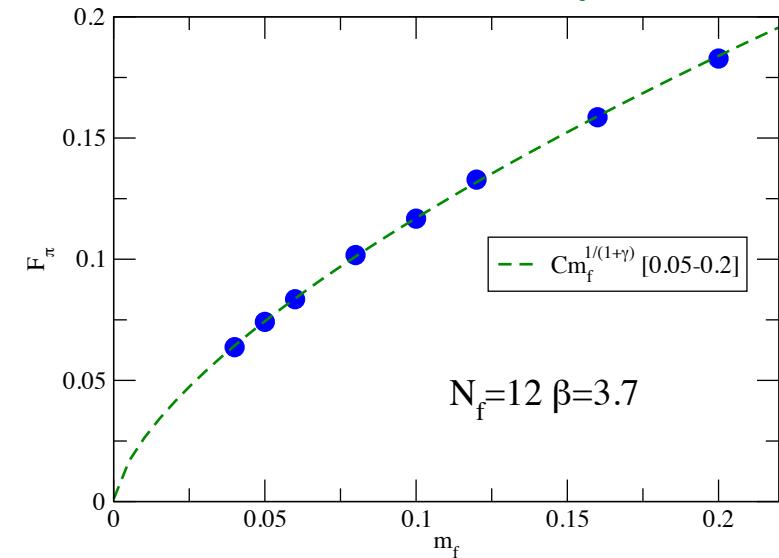
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Chiral broken  $F_\pi \rightarrow F \neq 0$



Conformal  $F_\pi \rightarrow Cm_f^{1/(1+\gamma)}$



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# Composite flavor-singlet scalar in $N_f = 12$ and 8 QCD

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$O(10000)$  configurations  $\times O(10)$   $D^{-1}[U](x, x)$   
using noise reduction method

'97 Venkataraman and Kilcup

Composite flavor-singlet scalar in  $N_f = 12$  QCD

# Purpose of $N_f = 12$ QCD calculation

Why  $N_f = 12$

- Investigated by many groups

'08,'09 Appelquist *et al.*, '10 Deuzeman *et al.*, '10,'12 Hasenfratz,  
'11 Fodor *et al.*, '11 Appelquist *et al.*, '11 DeGrand, '11 Ogawa *et al.*,  
'12 Lin *et al.*, '12,'13 Iwasaki *et al.*, '12,'13 Itou, '12 Jin and Mawhinney, and ...

In our work PRD86(2012)054506

consistent behavior with conformal phase

- A few studies of flavor-singlet scalar in conformal theory
  1. SU(2) Adjoint  $N_f = 2$  glueball: '09 Del Debbio *et al.*
  2. SU(3)  $N_f = 12$  meson: '12 Jin and Mawhinney  
c.f. SU(3)  $N_f = 12$  meson: '13 LHC Collaboration

Purpose of this work

Understand properties of flavor-singlet scalar in  $N_f = 12$   
regarded as pilot study of  $N_f = 8$  theory

# Flavor-singlet scalar in $N_f = 12$ QCD

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## Simulation parameters

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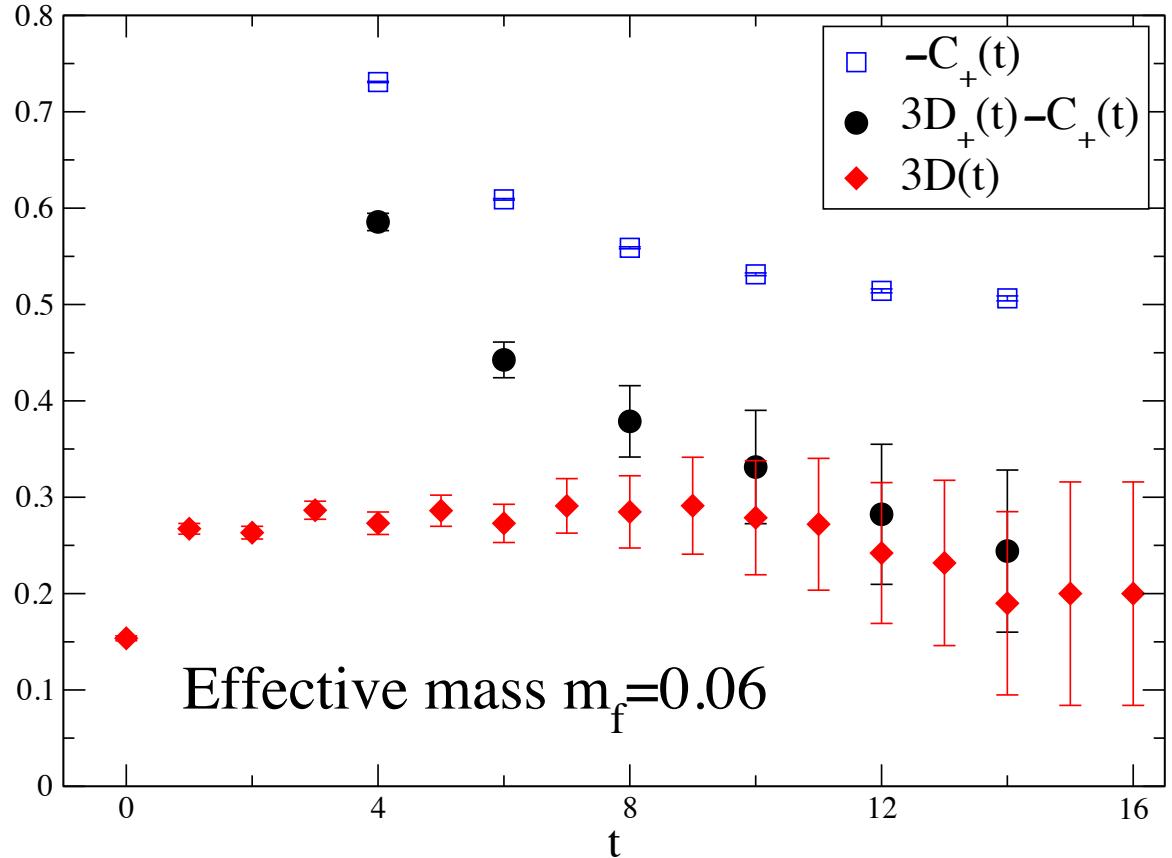
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	0.06	6000

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# Effective mass in $N_f = 12$

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$m_f = 0.06, L = 24$  with  $N_{\text{conf}} = 14000$



Non-singlet scalar

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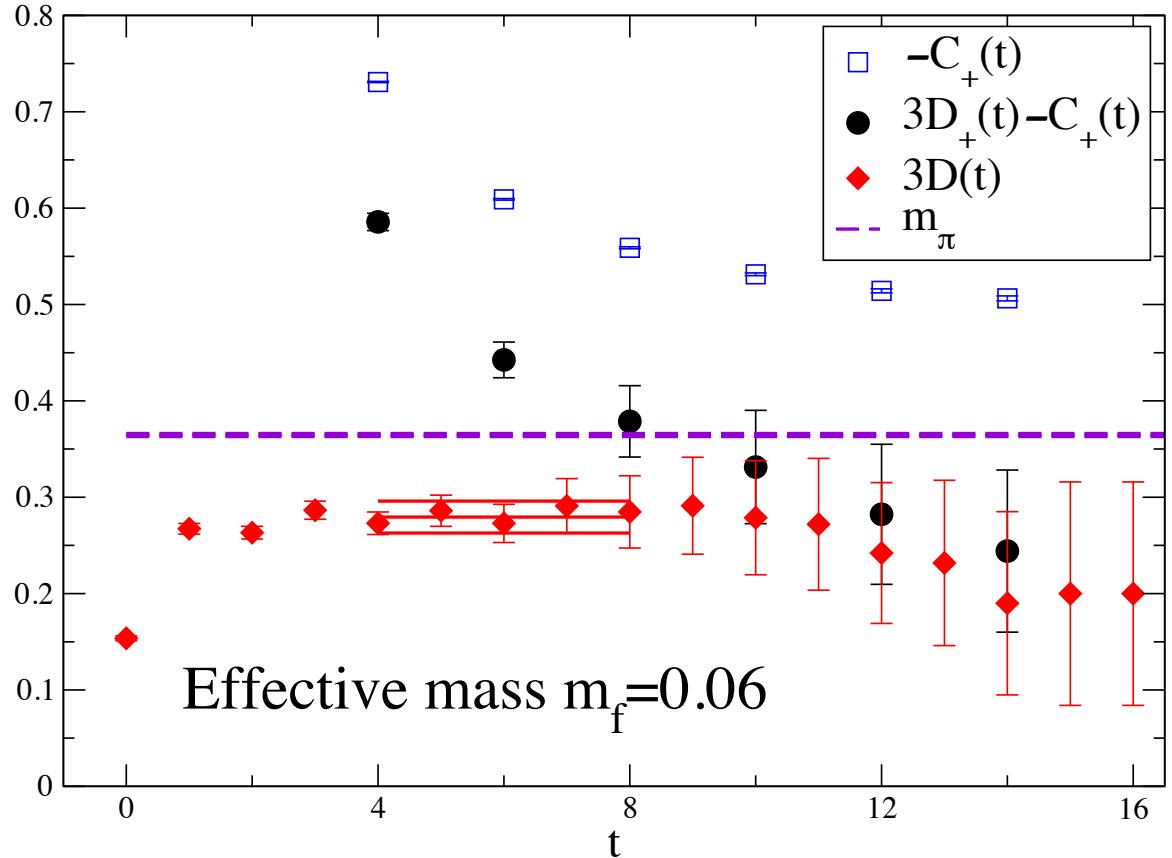
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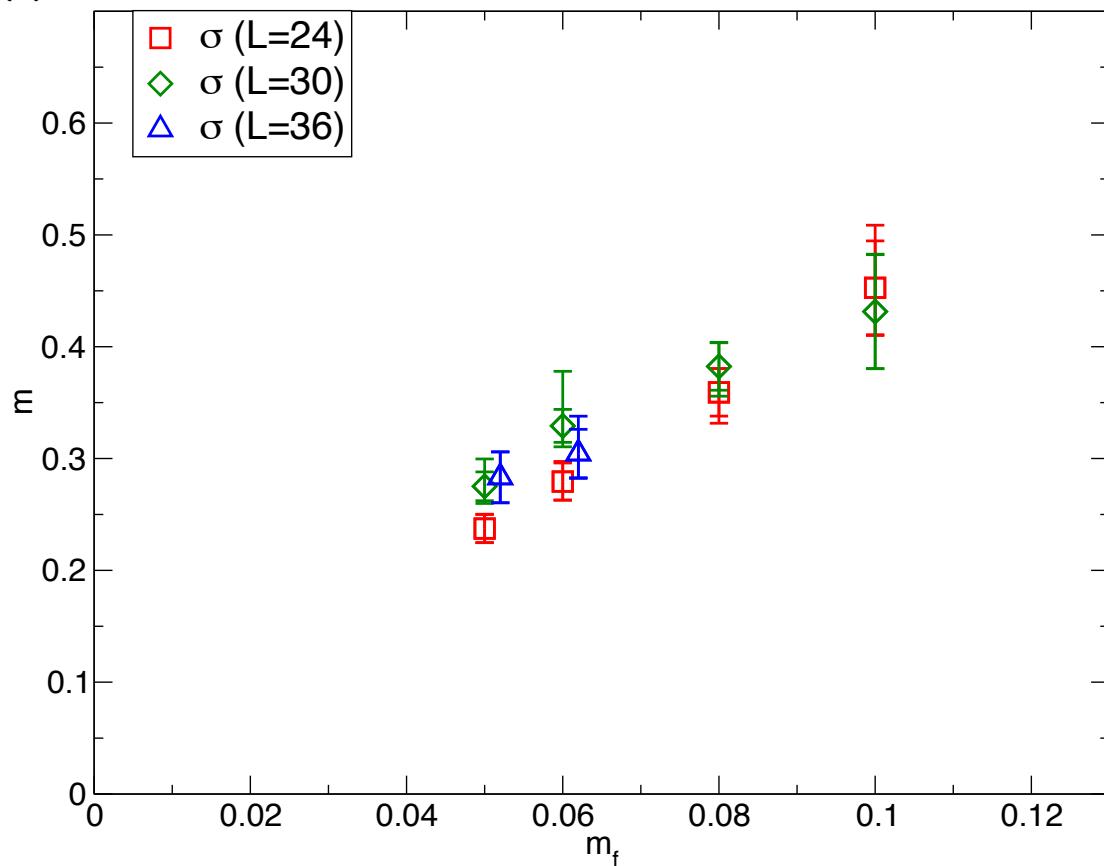
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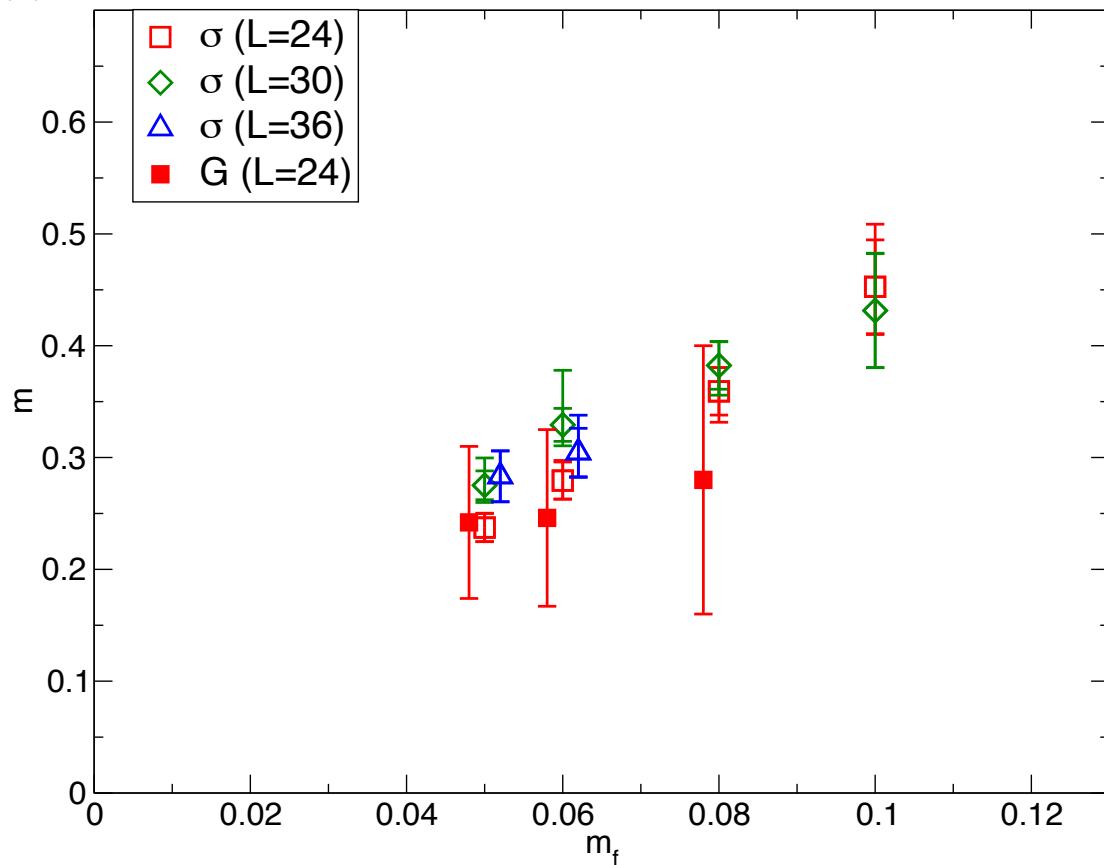
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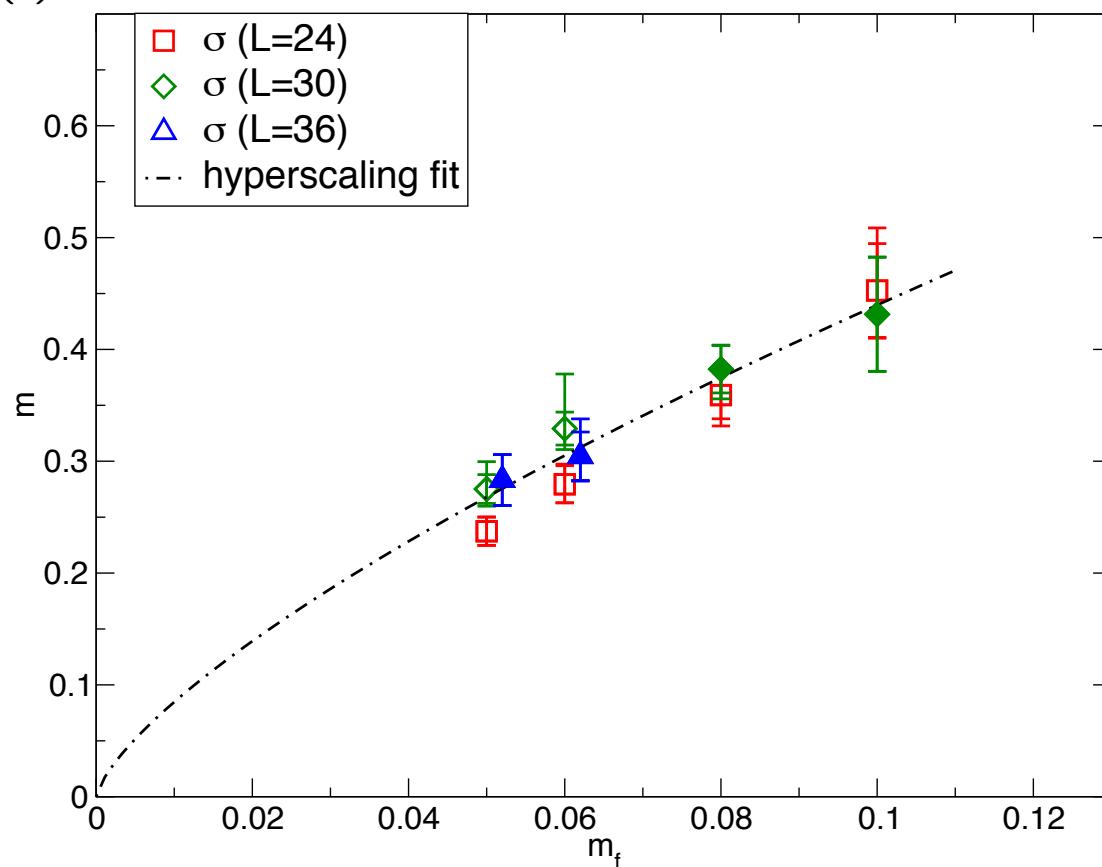


Consistent mass from glueball operator calculation

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Hyperscaling test with fixed  $\gamma$  using target volume at each  $m_f$

$$m_\sigma = C m_f^{1/(1+\gamma)} \text{ with } \gamma = 0.414 \text{ from hyperscaling of } m_\pi$$

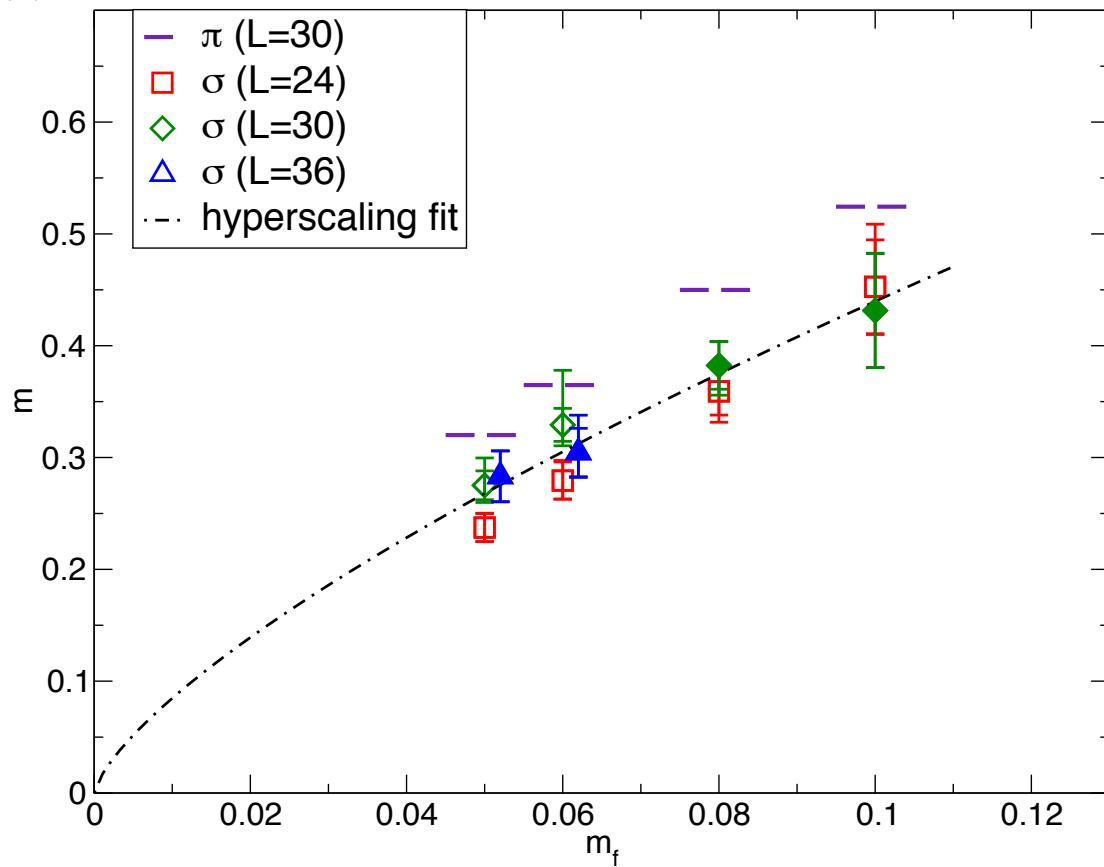
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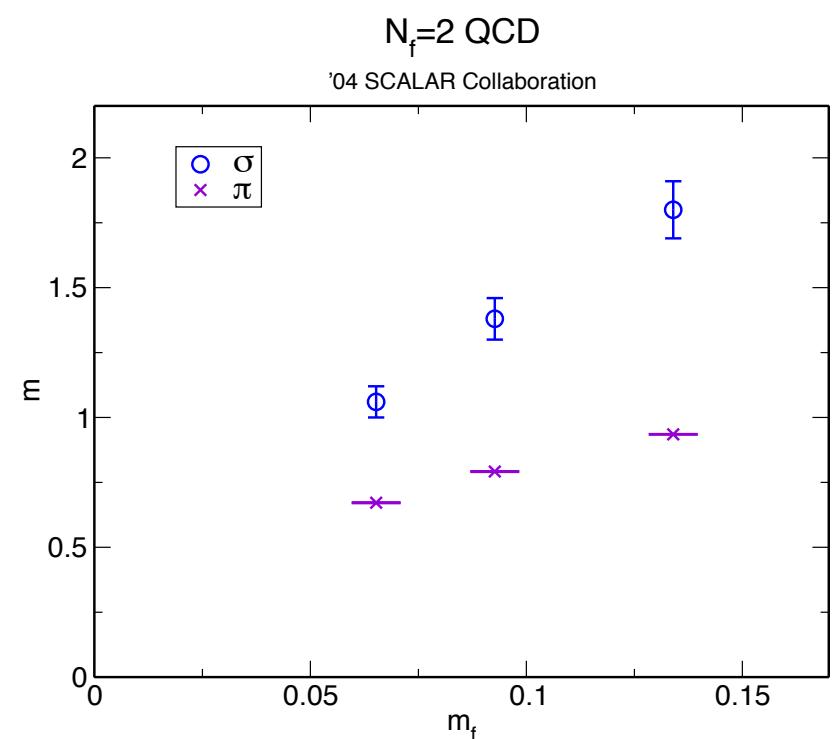
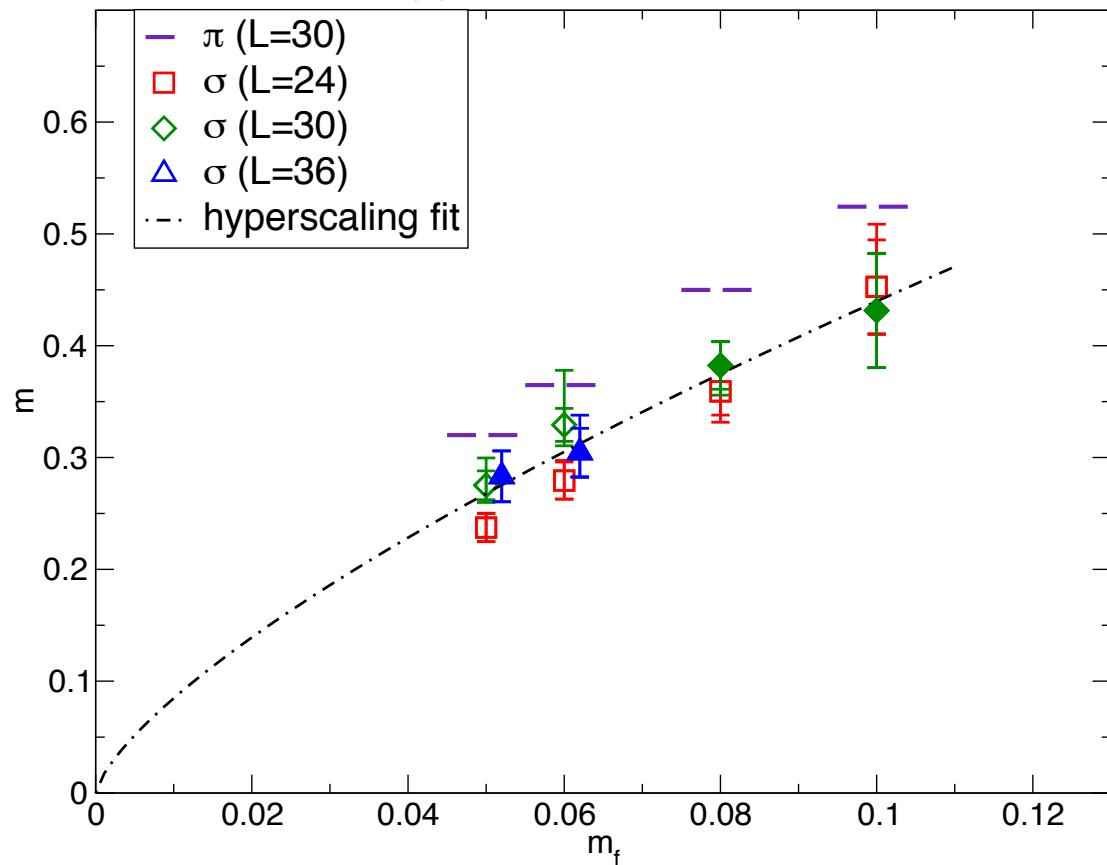


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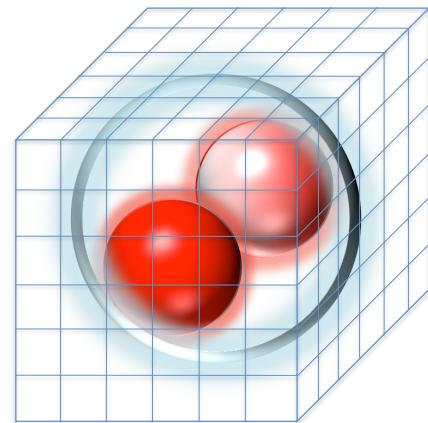
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$N_f = 8$  QCD maybe candidate of walking theory; PRD87(2013)094511

If flavor-singlet scalar is light:  $m_\sigma \sim F$  in  $m_f = 0$

→ Possibility of composite Higgs (technidilaton)



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report of preliminary results arXiv:1309.0711

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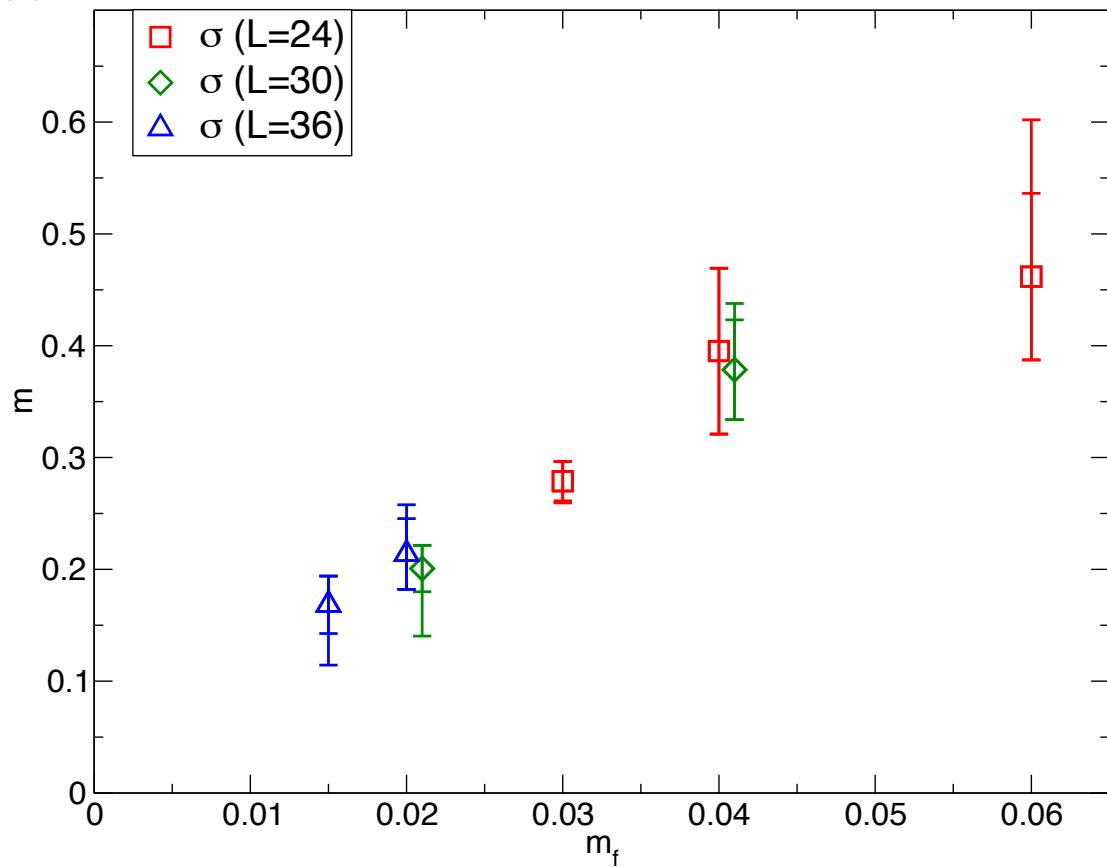
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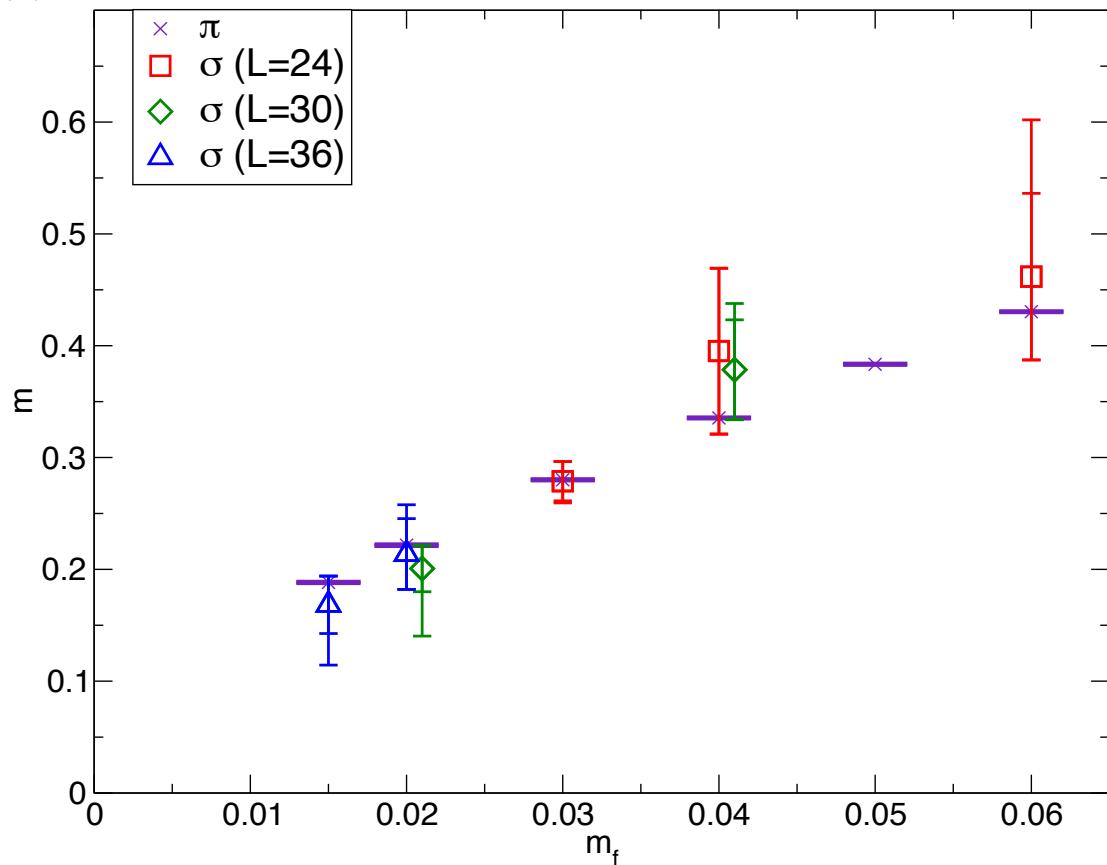
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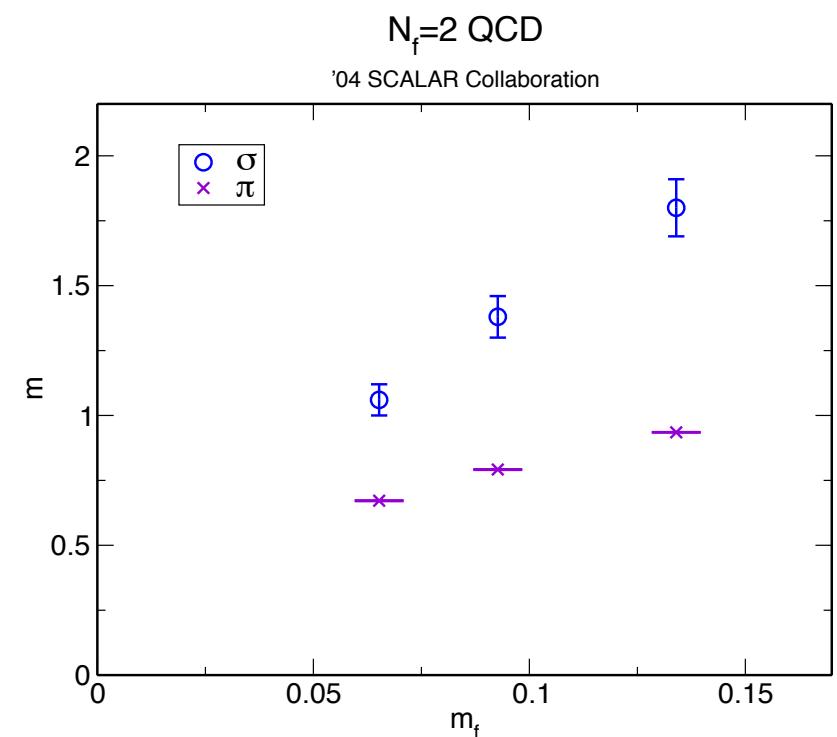
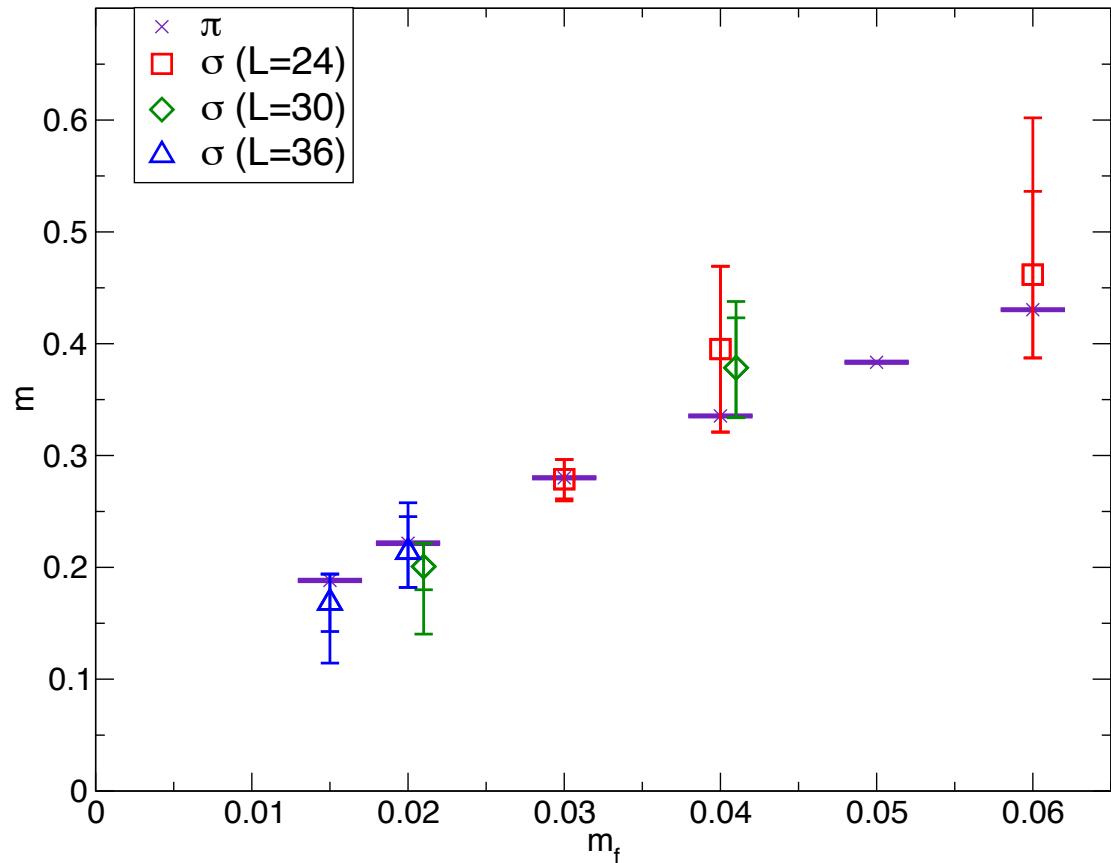
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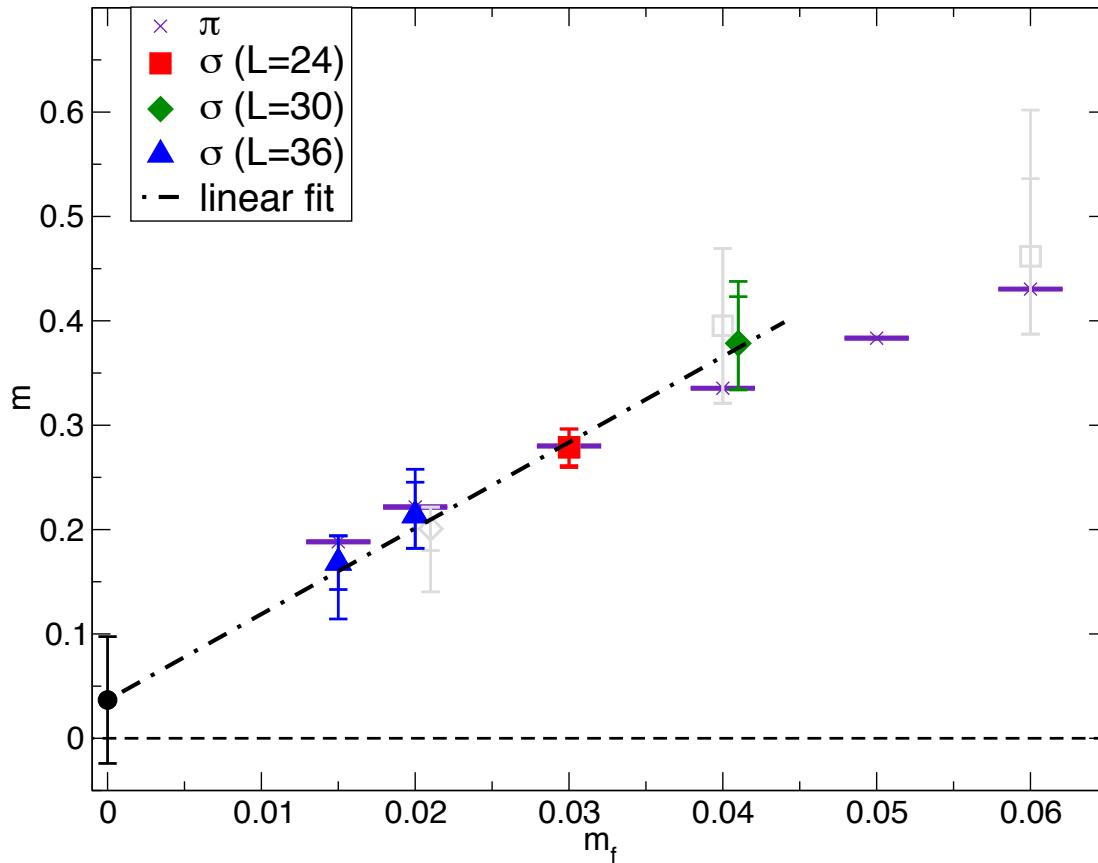


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# Chiral extrapolation (1) in $N_f = 8$



$$m_\sigma = m_0 + A m_f: \quad m_0 = 0.028(53) \rightarrow \frac{m_\sigma}{F} = 1.7(2.7)$$

$F = 0.0219(7)$  PRD87(2013)094511

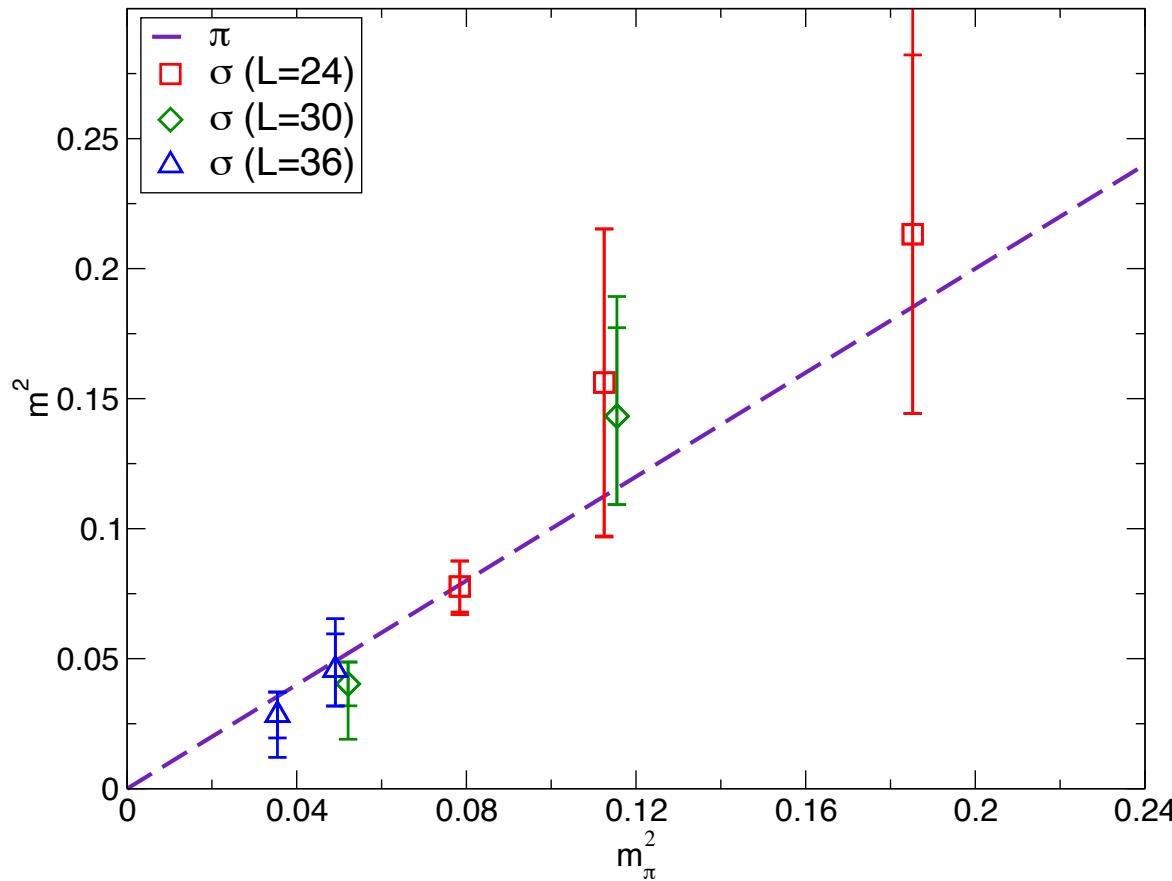
c.f.) 1 family model:  $m_{\text{Higgs}} = 210(340)$  GeV

# Chiral extrapolation (2) in $N_f = 8$

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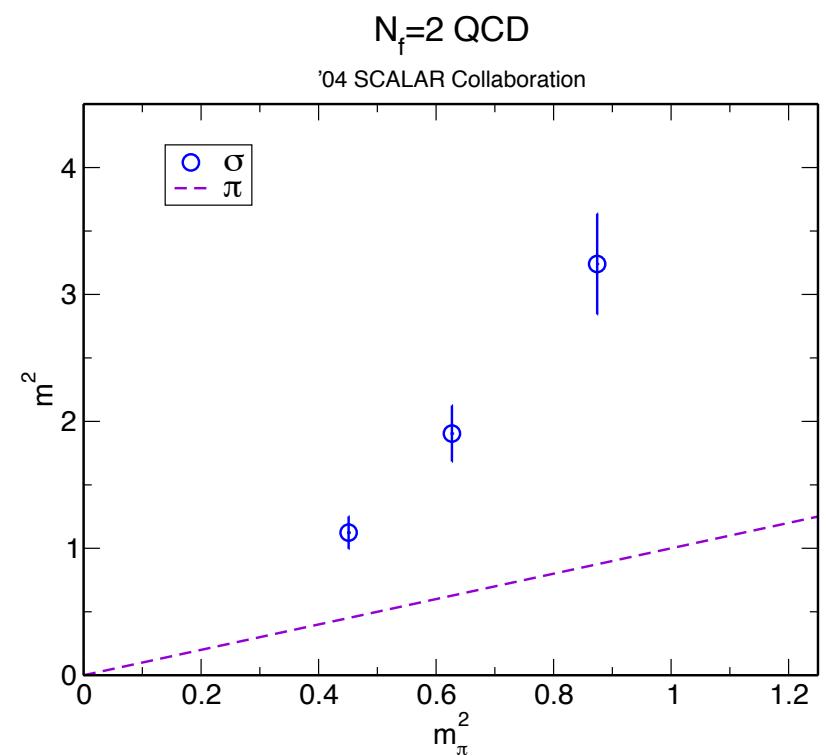
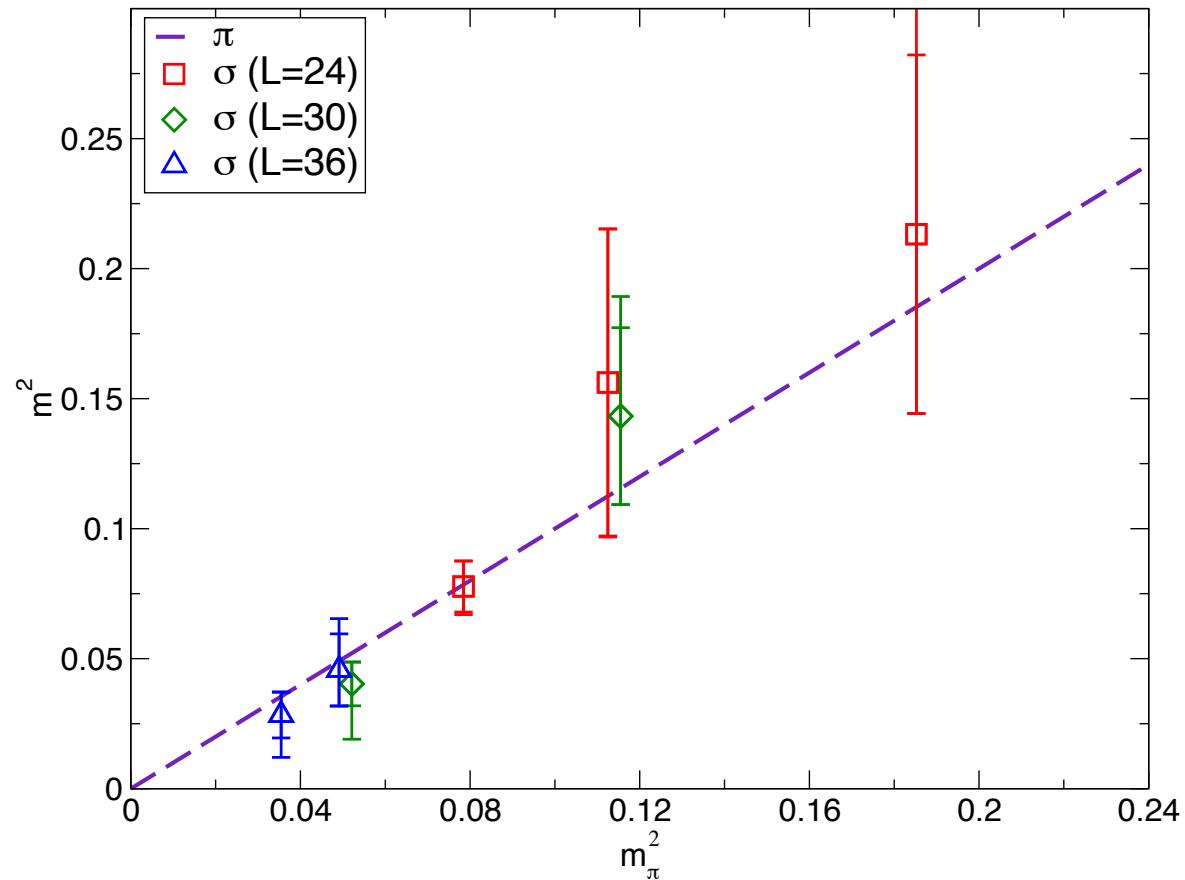
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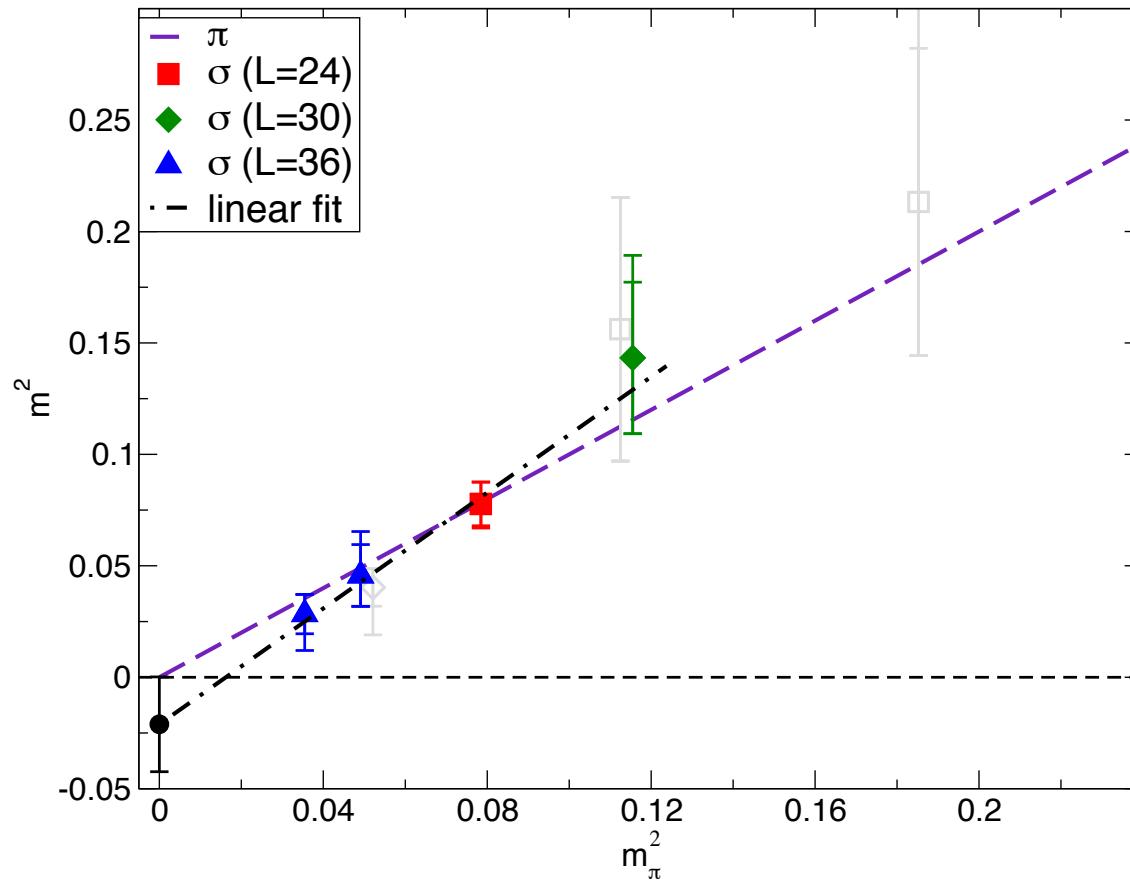
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$m_0^2 < 0$ : data not in  $m_\sigma > m_\pi$  region

Need data at smaller  $m_f$  where  $m_\sigma > m_\pi$  as in usual QCD

# Summary

Flavor-singlet scalar is important in walking technicolor theory.

Difficult due to huge noise in lattice simulation

⇒ Noise reduction method and large  $N_{\text{conf}}$   $O(10000)$

Results of  $N_f = 12$  QCD (consistent with conformal phase)

- $m_\sigma < m_\pi$ ; much different from small  $N_f$  QCD
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Results of  $N_f = 8$  QCD (maybe candidate of walking technicolor)

- $m_\sigma \sim m_\pi$ ; much different from small  $N_f$  QCD
- Might be reflection of approximate conformal symmetry
- Need more data at smaller  $m_f$  for chiral extrapolation  
Linear chiral extrapolation :  $m_\sigma/F = 1.7(2.7)$

Possibility of light composite Higgs  $m_{\text{Higgs}} \sim v_{EW}$   
(technidilaton)

Future work:

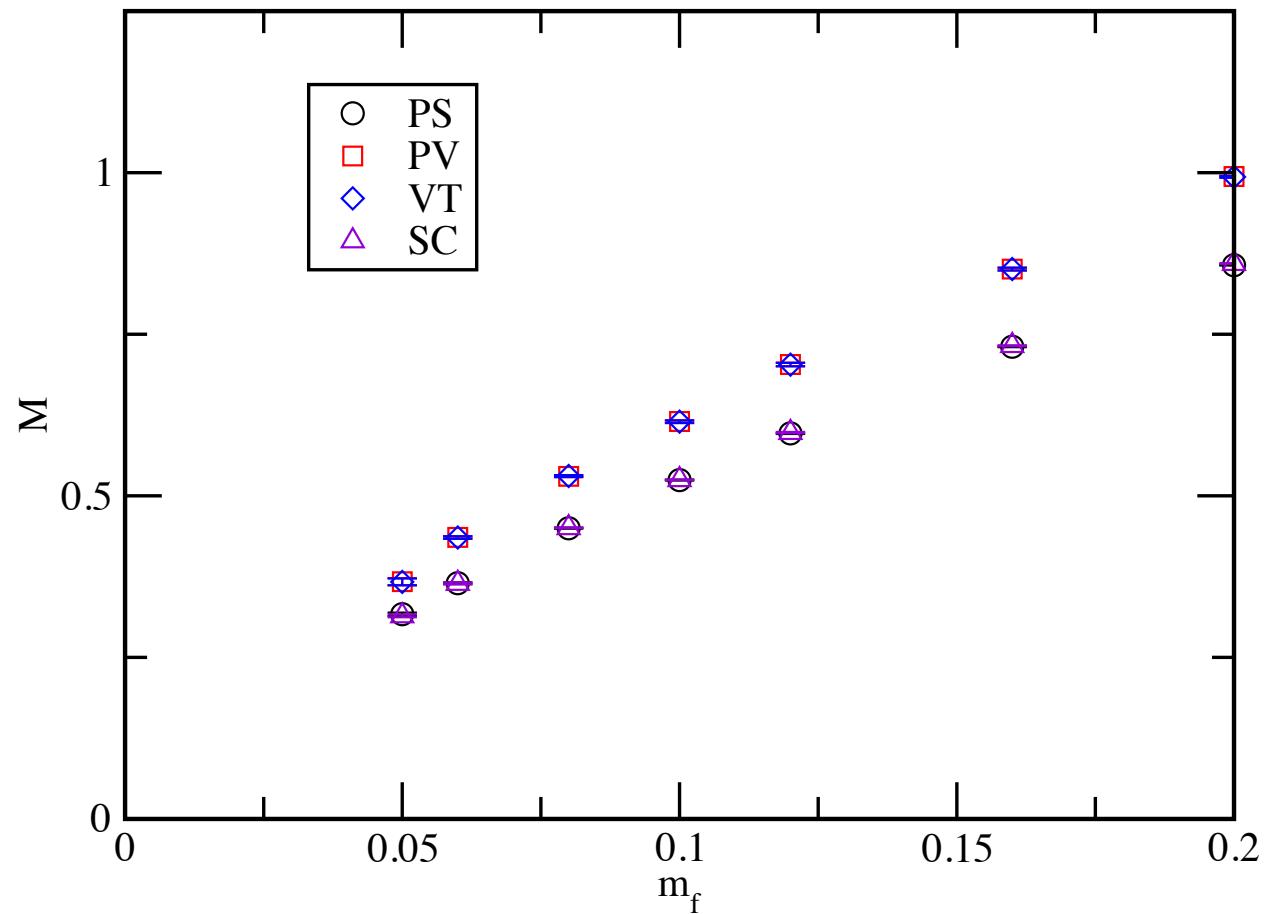
Smaller  $m_f$  data for more reliable chiral extrapolation

Back up

# $N_f = 12$ taste symmetry breaking effect

LatKMI; PRD86(2012)054506

$0^-$ : PS, SC;  $1^-$ : PV, VT



Small taste symmetry breaking in meson masses

## States in $D(t)$

$$A_H(t) = A_H \exp(-M_H t)$$

Connected part

$$-C(t) = A_{a_0}(t) + (-1)^t A_{\pi_{SC}}(t)$$

Connected + disconnected

$$N_f D(t) - C(t) = A_\sigma(t) + (-1)^t A_{\pi_{\overline{SC}}}(t)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{taste symmetric limit}} \pi_{\overline{SC}} = \pi_{SC} = \pi_{PS}$$

$\pi_{\overline{SC}}$ : Species-singlet but taste-non-singlet  $0^-$

$\eta$  in PRD76:094504(2007)

disconnected part

$$N_f D(t) = A_\sigma(t) - A_{a_0}(t) + (-1)^t (A_{\pi_{\overline{SC}}}(t) - A_{\pi_{SC}}(t))$$

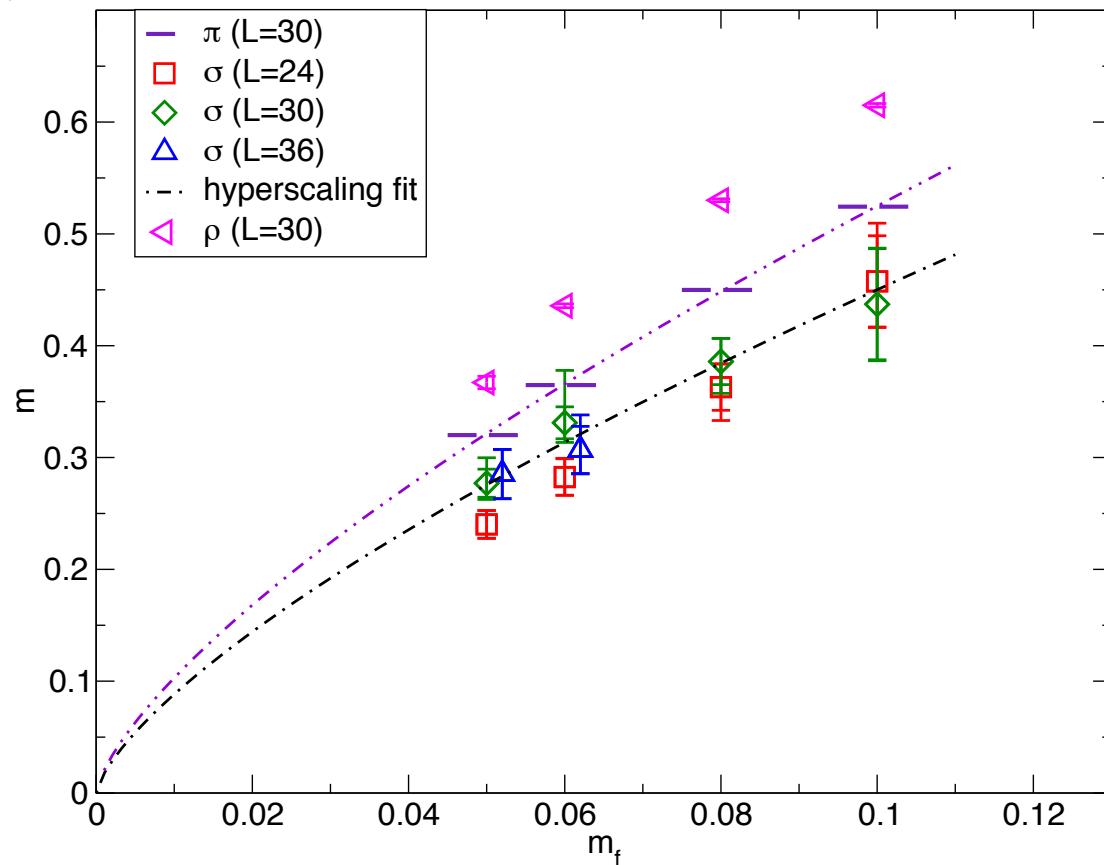
$$\xrightarrow{\text{taste symmetric limit}} A_\sigma(t) - A_{a_0}(t)$$

$\Rightarrow$  small oscillation in  $D(t)$  if good taste symmetry

# $m_f$ dependence of $m_\sigma$ in $N_f = 12$

arXiv:1305.6006

$m_\sigma$  from fit of  $D(t)$  with  $t = 4\text{--}8$



Lighter than  $\pi$  in all  $m_f$

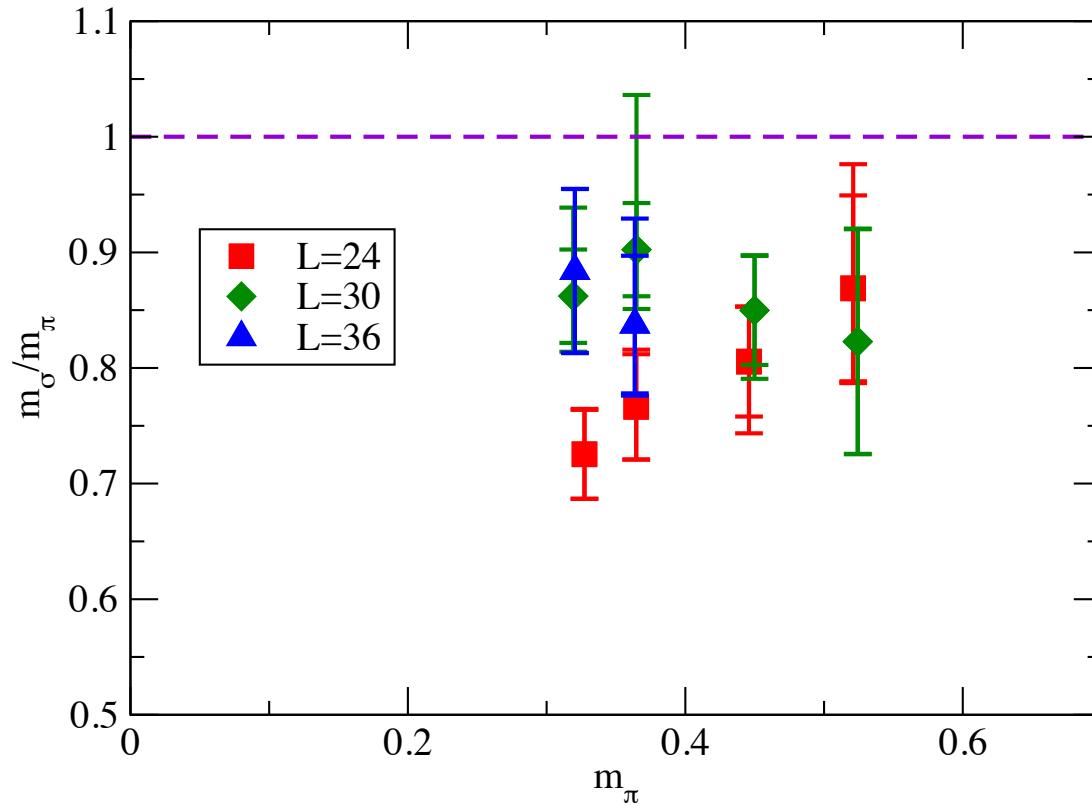
Much different from usual QCD

Conformal symmetry may make  $\sigma$  light

# $m_f$ dependence of $m_\sigma/m_\pi$

arXiv:1305.6006

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# Discussion

Why flavor-singlet scalar calculation is possible?

- Nice noise reduction method
- Huge  $N_{\text{conf}}$
- Small  $m_\sigma \rightarrow$  slow exponential damp of correlator
- Small taste symmetry breaking  $\leftarrow$  improved action, large  $N_f$ , etc.

# Recent study of LatKMI Collaboration

## Search for candidate of walking technicolor

PRD86(2012)054506; PRD87(2013)094511

$N_f$  increasing : chiral broken  $\rightarrow$  walking  $\rightarrow$  conformal

### Signal of phase

- Chiral broken phase

Simulations at  $m_f \neq 0$

$$m_f \rightarrow 0: m_\pi \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } F_\pi \neq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{F_\pi}{m_\pi} \xrightarrow{m_\pi \rightarrow 0} \infty$$

- Conformal phase

Simulations at  $m_f \neq 0$ : scale invariance breaking  $\rightarrow$  confinement phase

Hyperscaling with anomalous dimension  $\gamma^*$  at small  $m_f$

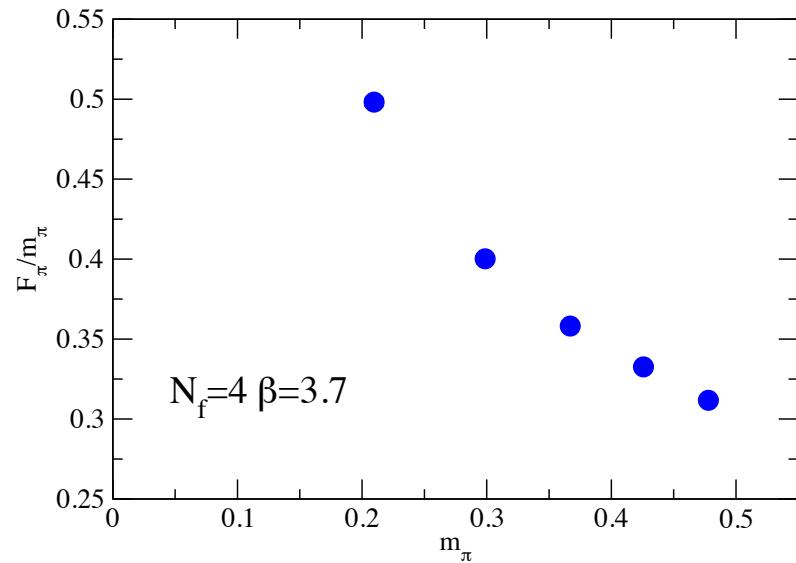
$$\begin{aligned} m_H &= C_H m_f^{1/(1+\gamma^*)} \\ F_\pi &= C_F m_f^{1/(1+\gamma^*)} \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{F_\pi}{m_\pi} \xrightarrow{m_\pi \rightarrow 0} \text{constant}$$

Different  $m_f(m_\pi)$  dependence in two phases

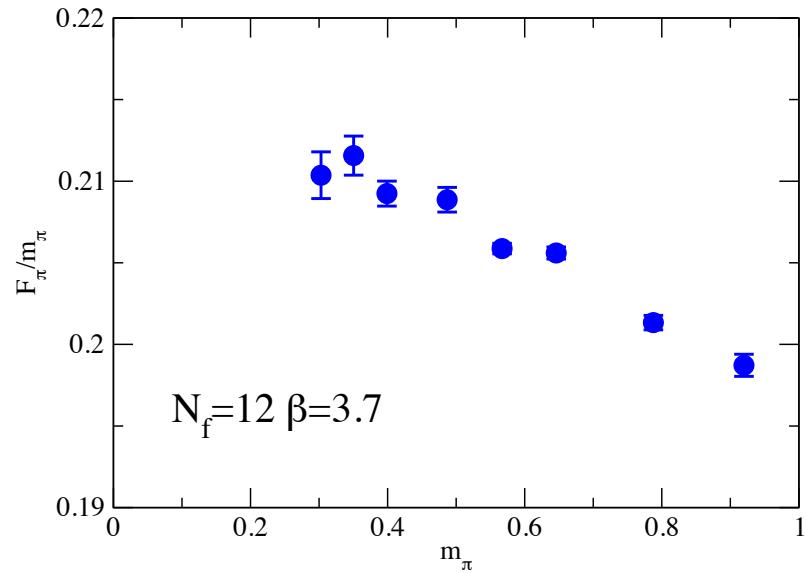
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$F_\pi/m_\pi \rightarrow \infty$



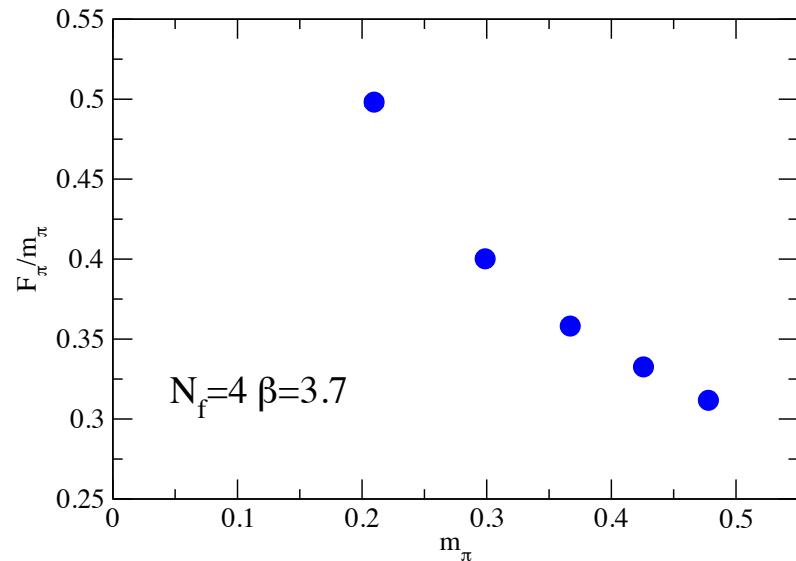
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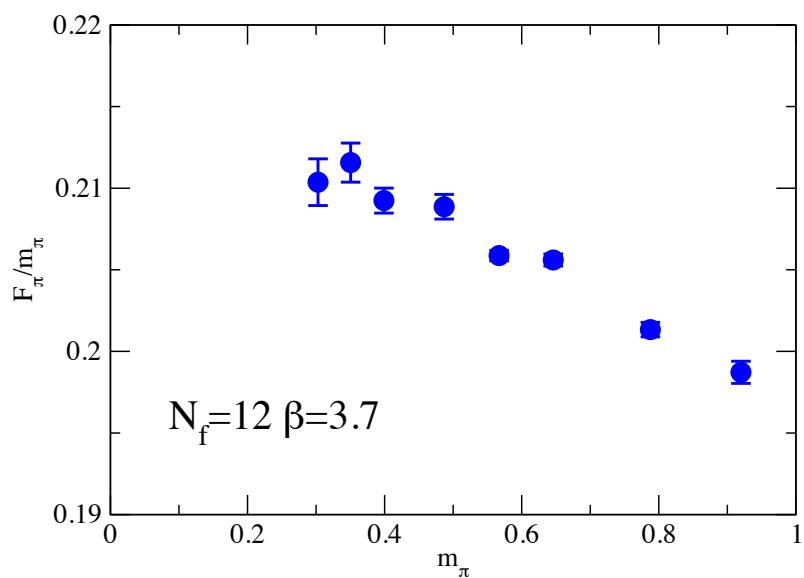
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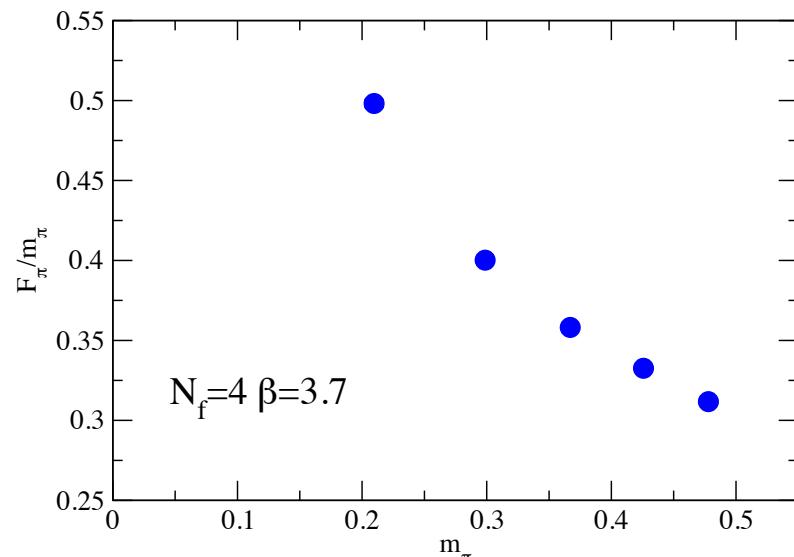
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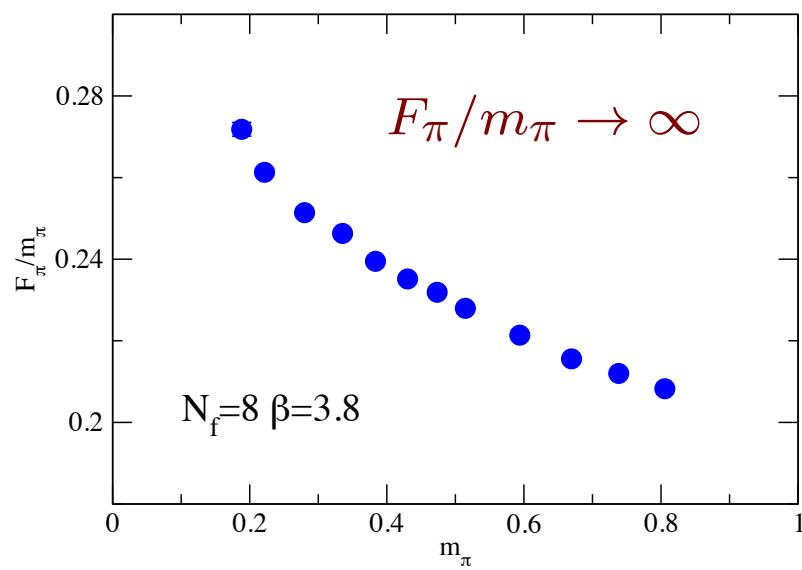
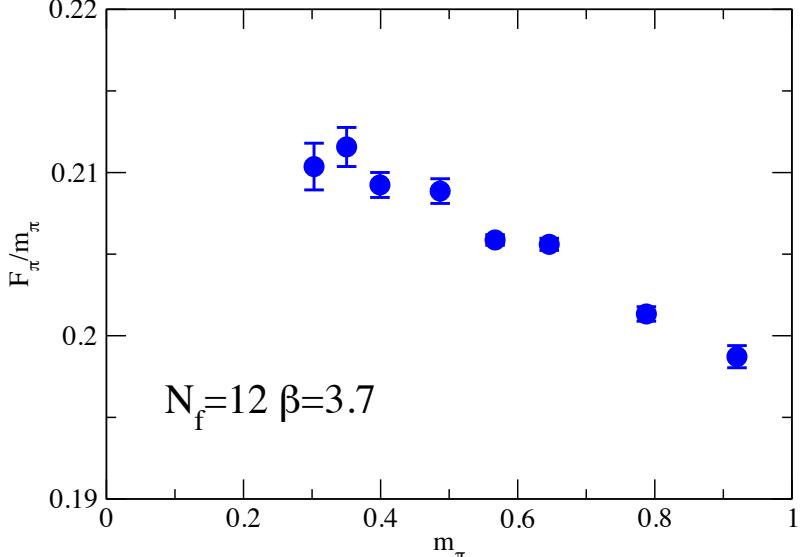
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## Search for candidate of walking technicolor

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$N_f = 4$  QCD: Spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking

$N_f = 12$  QCD: Consistent with conformal phase

$N_f = 8$  QCD may be a candidate of Walking technicolor

- Spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking

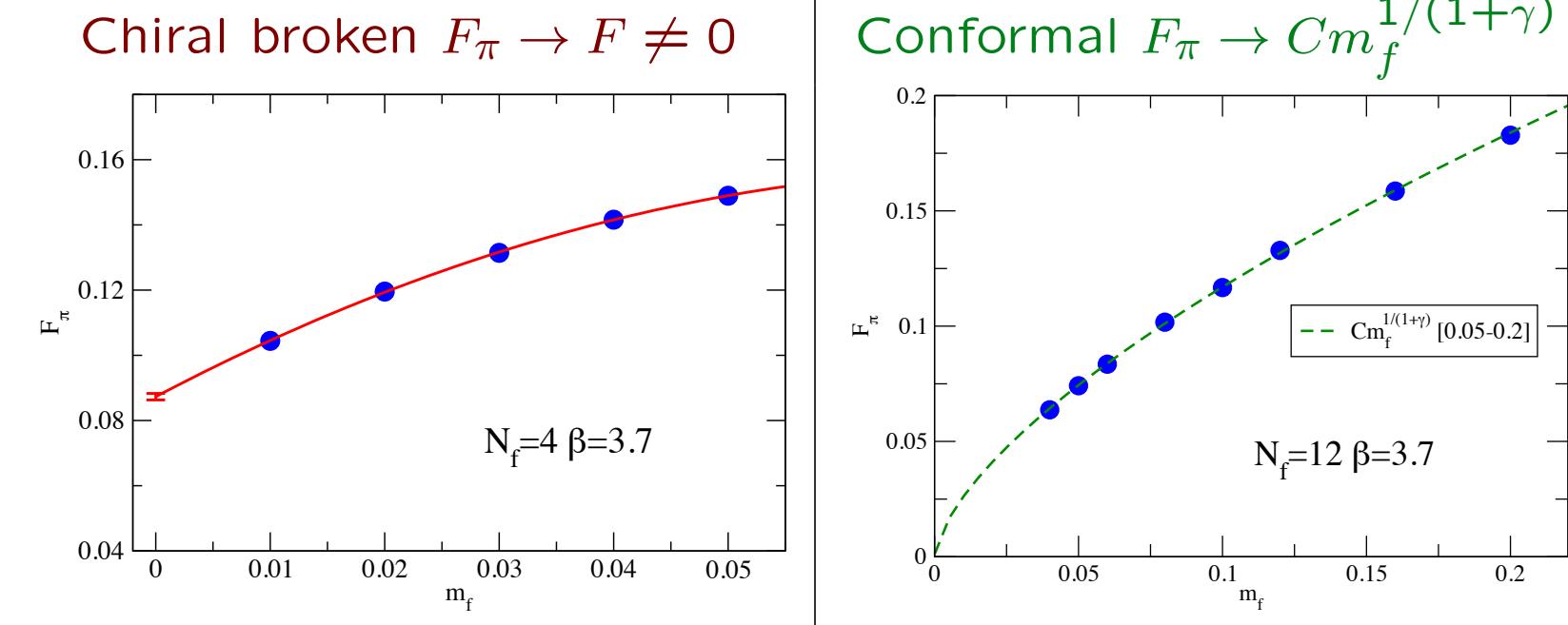
$F_\pi \neq 0$  and  $F_\pi/m_\pi \rightarrow \infty$  towards  $m_f \rightarrow 0$

- Slow running (walking) coupling in wide scale range  
Different behaviors of  $F_\pi$  in light and middle  $m_f$
- Large anomalous mass dimension  $\gamma^* \sim 1$  in walking region  
 $\gamma = 0.62\text{--}0.97$ : Hyperscaling-like behavior in middle  $m_f$
- Light composite scalar  $\Leftarrow$  Important to check!

Next: Flavor-singlet scalar in (approximate) conformal theory

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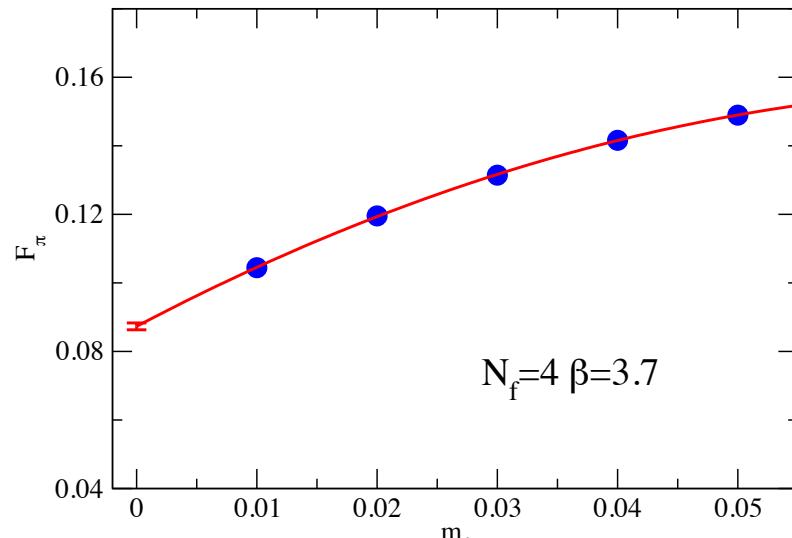
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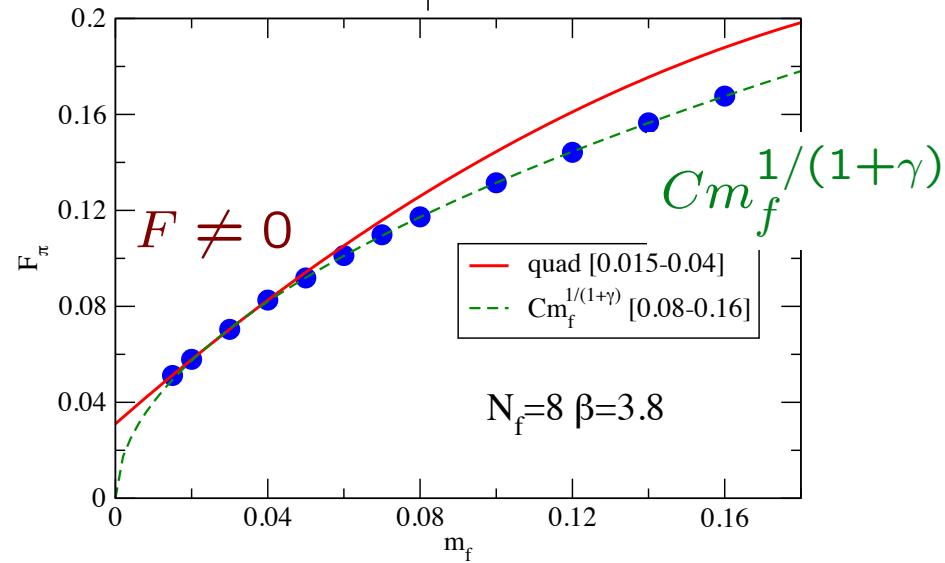
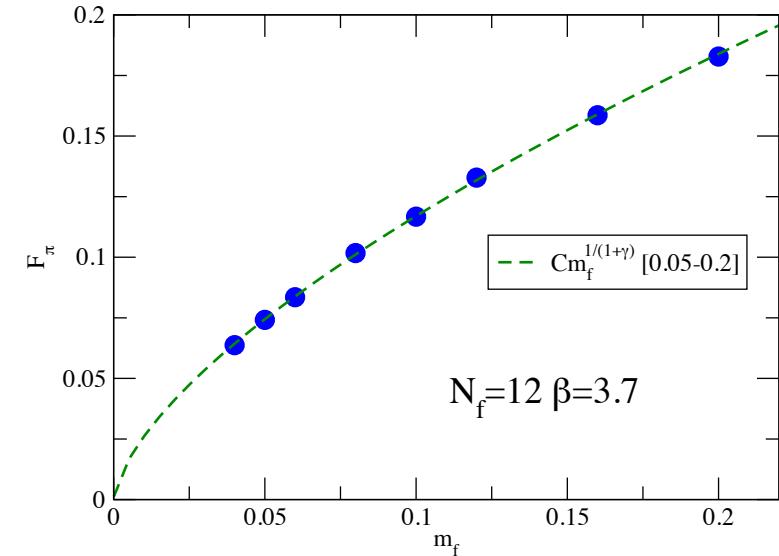
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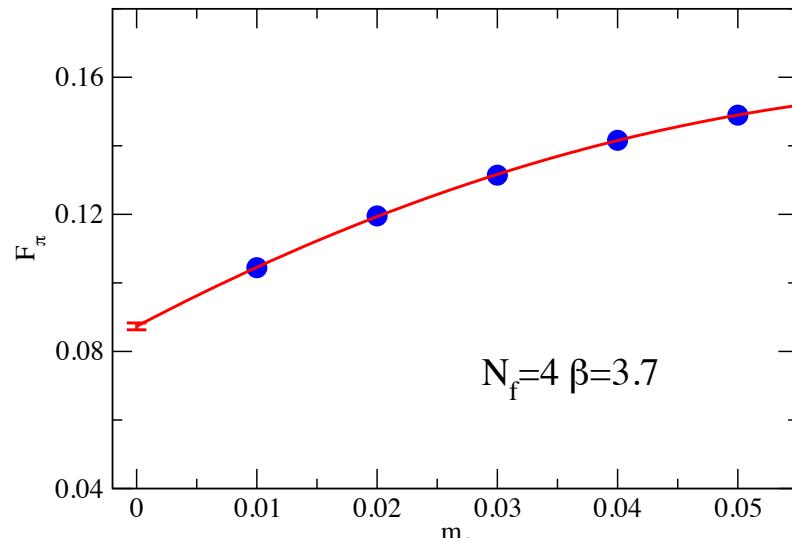
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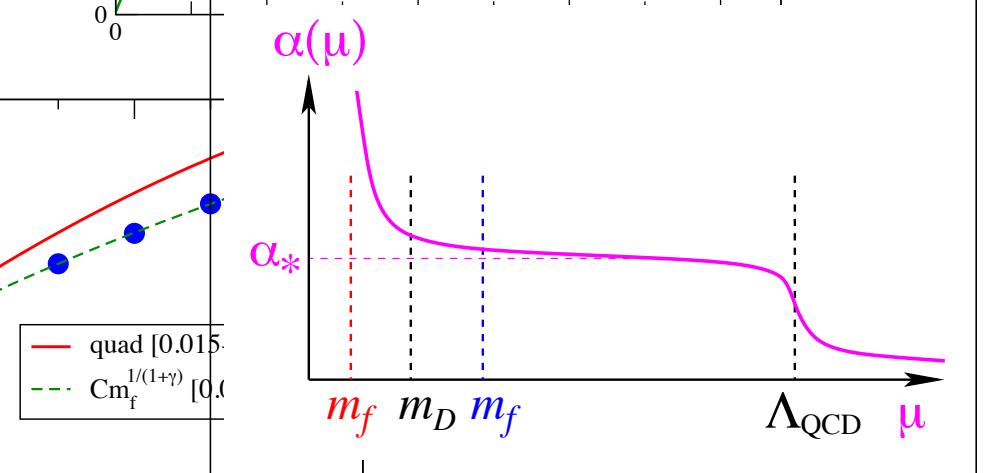
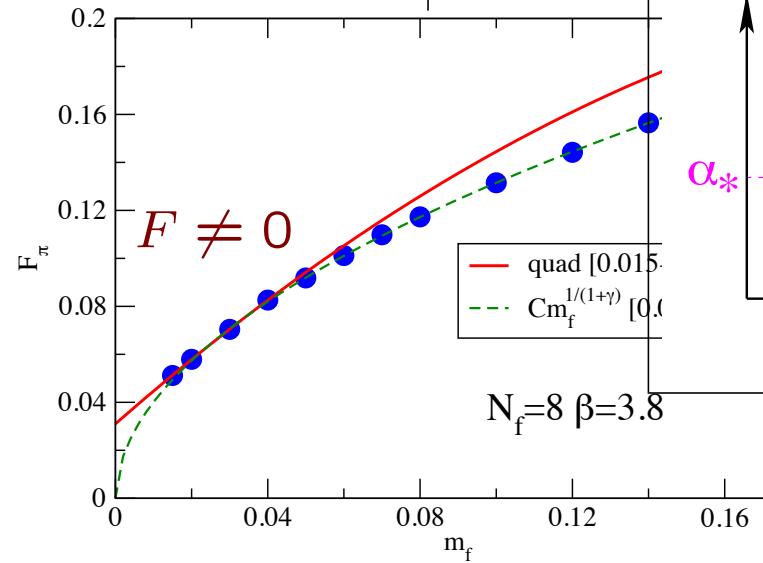
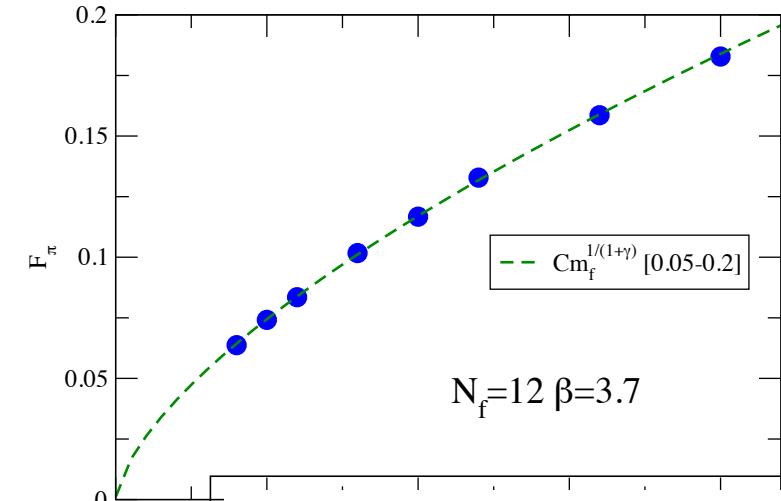
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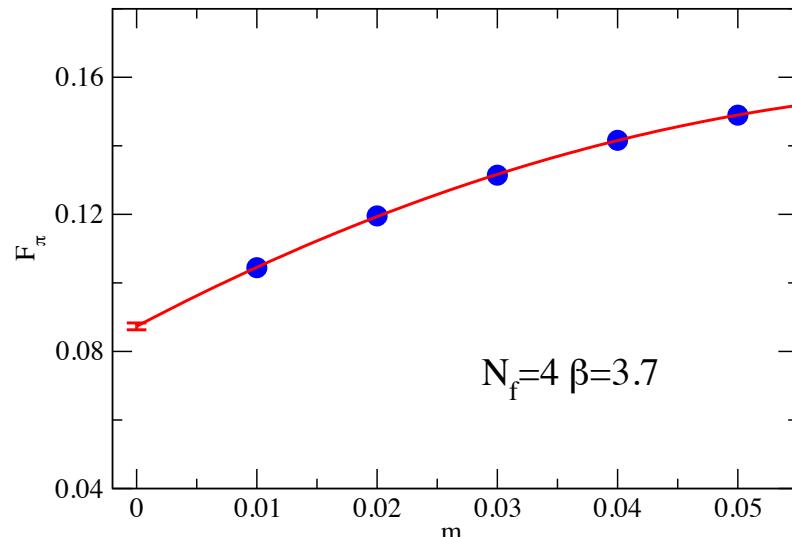
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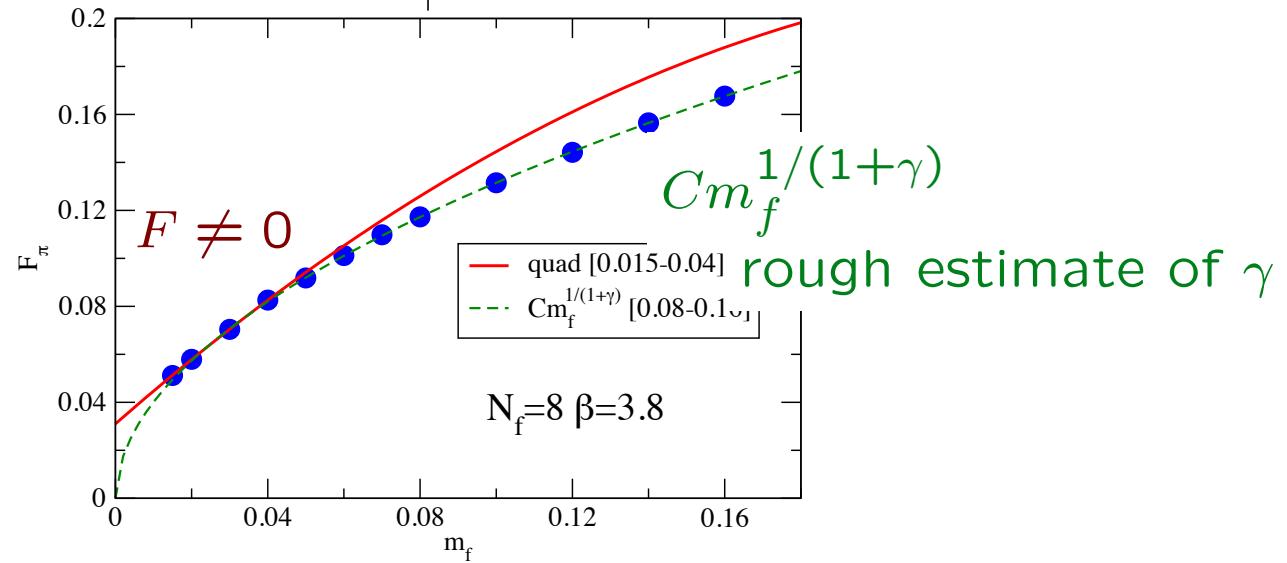
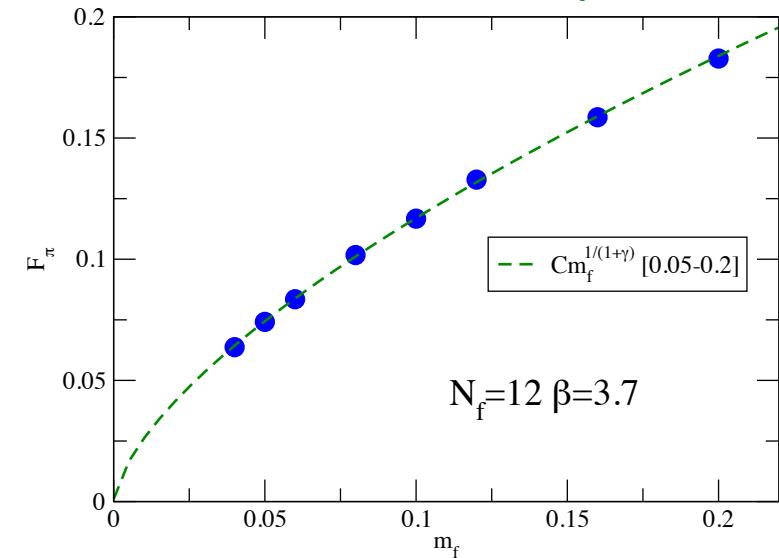
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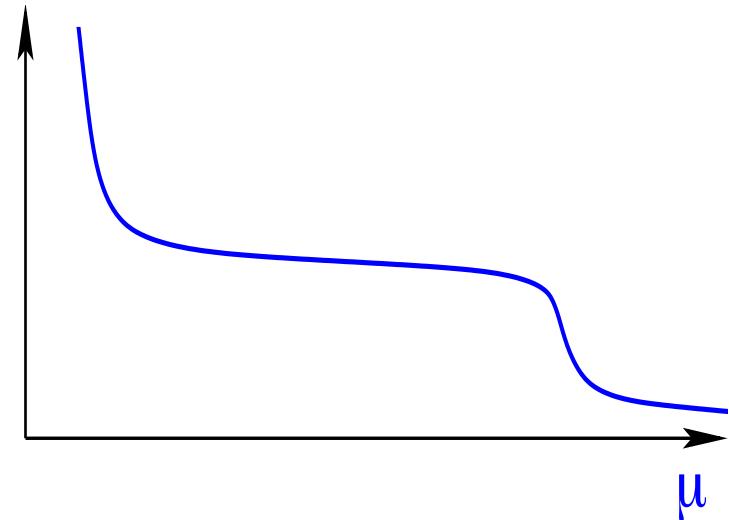
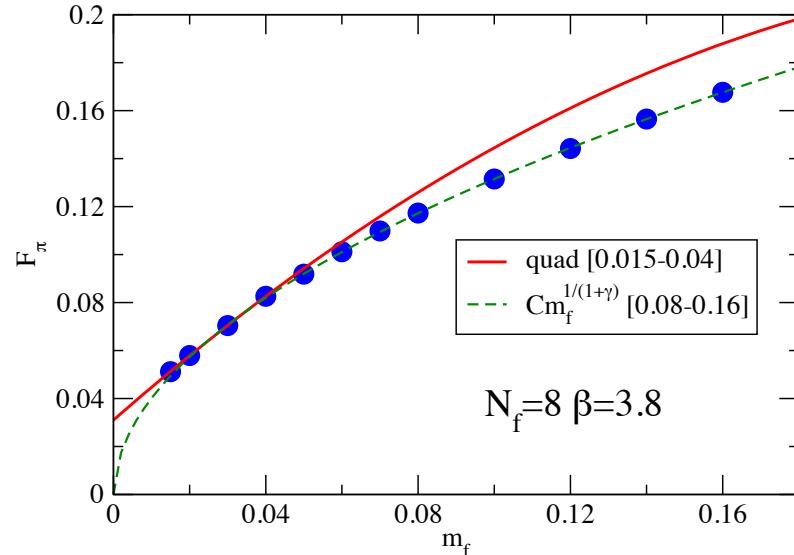
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Possible explanation through walking coupling

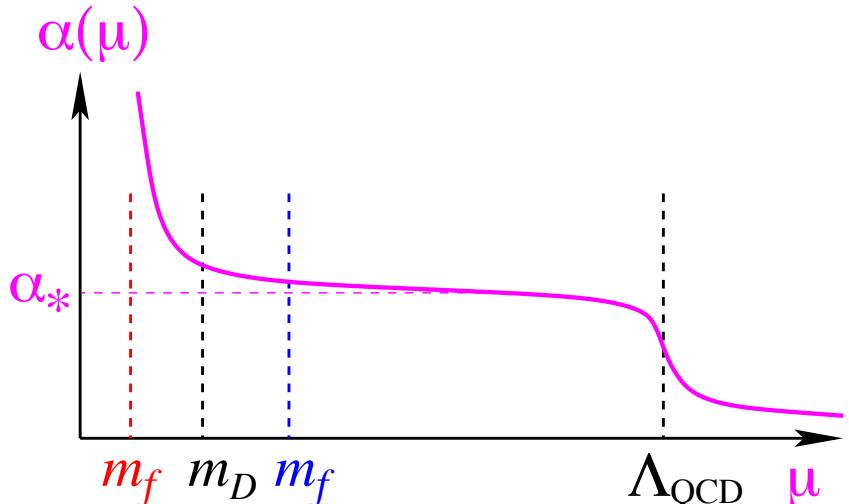
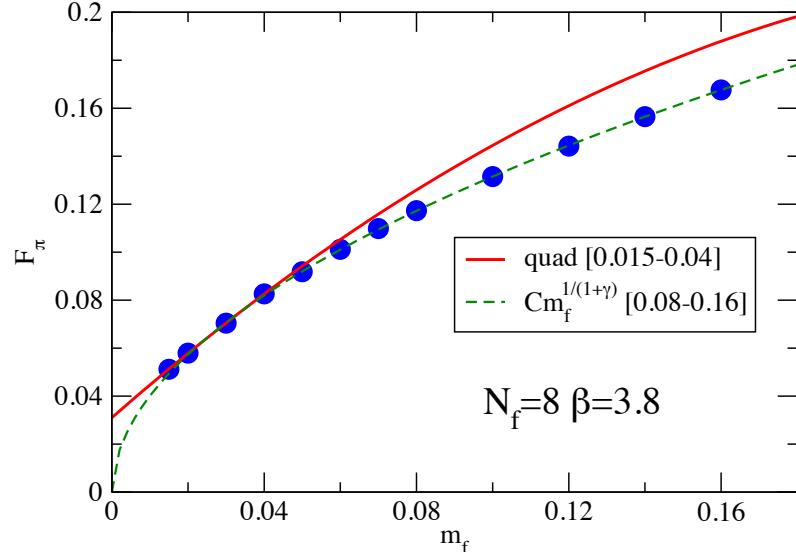


If  $N_f = 8$  QCD has walking coupling ...

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$m_f$  is regarded as IR scale cutoff of system.

Large  $m_f \gg m_D$

Confine system at  $m_f$

Not care spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking

→ same as conformal system with large  $m_f$

Small  $m_f \lesssim m_D$

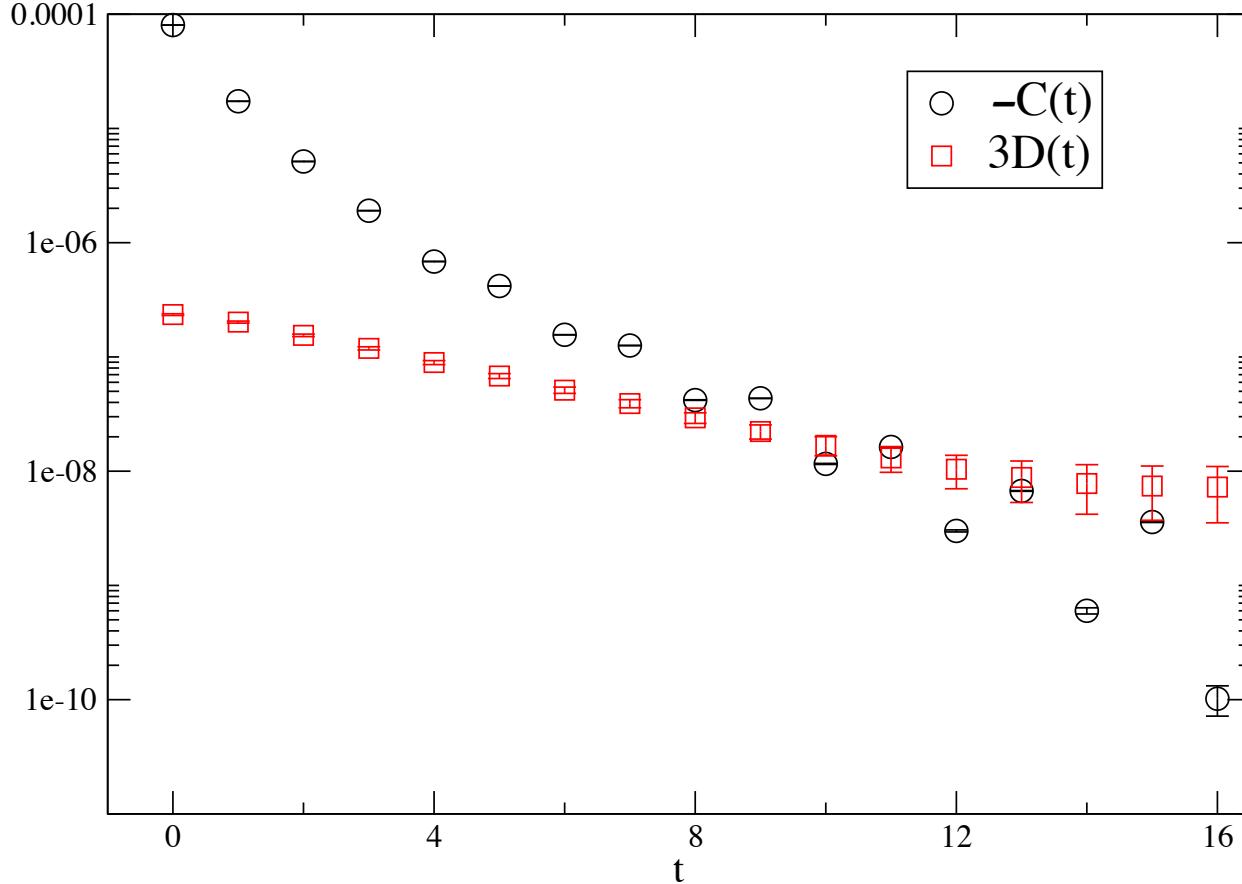
Contain spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking effect

Dual nature maybe signal of walking coupling

# Correlators in $N_f = 12$

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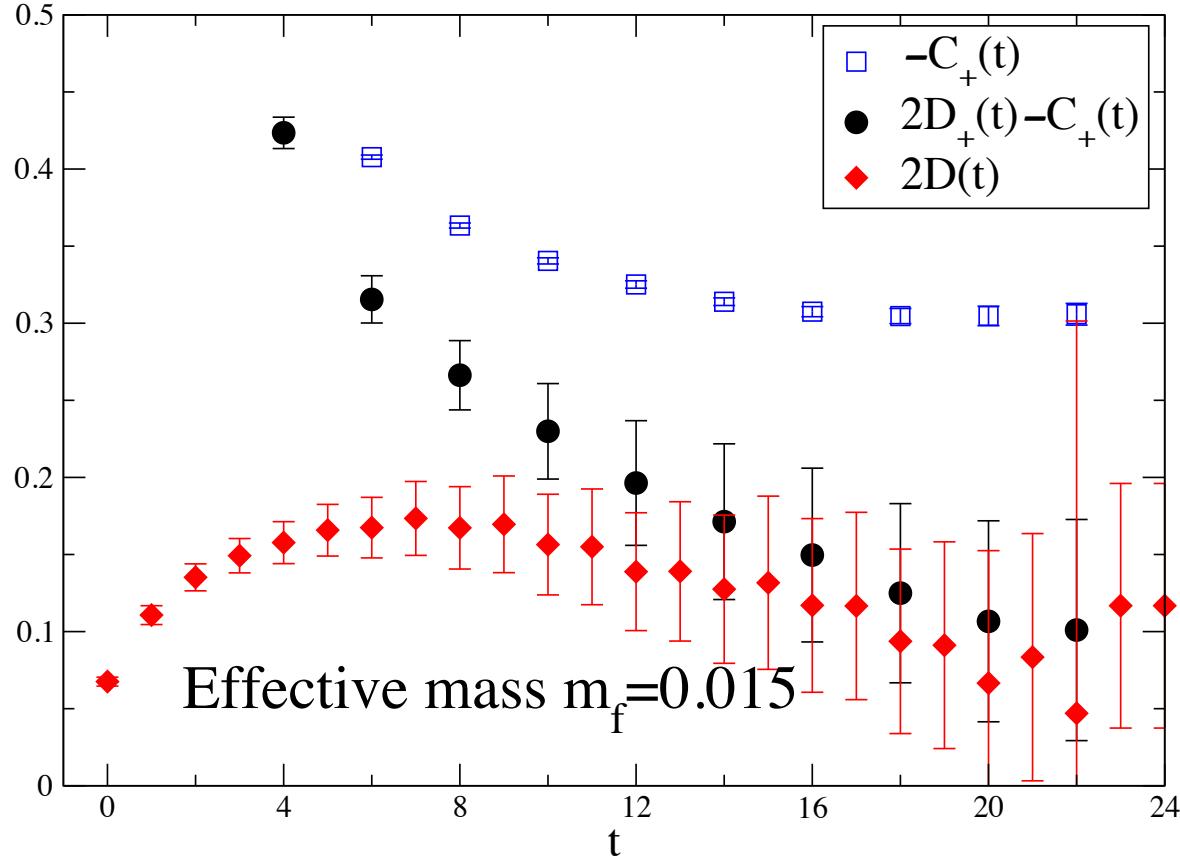
$m_f = 0.06, L = 24$  with  $N_{\text{conf}} = 14000$



$-C(t)$  oscillates, but  $D(t)$  does not  
cancellation: species-singlet and non-singlet  $\pi_{SC}$  in  $D(t)$   
thanks to small taste symmetry breaking; PRD86(2012)054506

# Effective mass in $N_f = 8$

$m_f = 0.015, L = 36$  with  $N_{\text{conf}} = 2600$



Non-singlet scalar

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Consistent  $m_\sigma$

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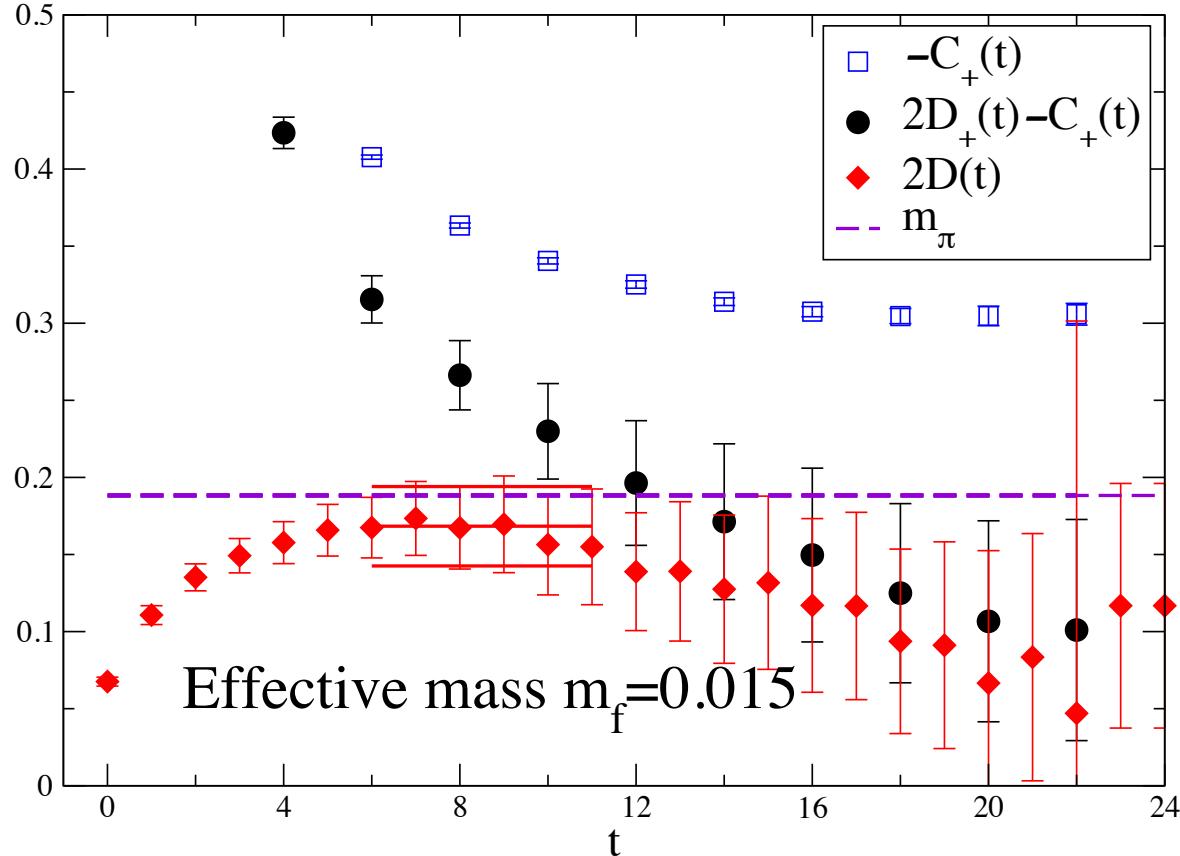
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Good signal of  $m_\sigma$  from  $2D(t)$

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fit range dependence  $\rightarrow$  systematic error

# $m_f$ dependence of $m_\sigma$ in $N_f = 8$

ChPT with spontaneous scale symmetry breaking

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$$m_\sigma^2 = m_0^2 + C \cdot m_\pi^2 + (\text{chiral log of } m_\pi)$$

$$C = \frac{(3 - \gamma_m)(1 + \gamma_m)}{4} \cdot \frac{2N_f F_\pi^2}{F_\sigma^2}$$

$F_\sigma$ : decay constant of  $\sigma$

Valid in small  $m_\pi$  region  $\rightarrow m_\sigma > m_\pi$

c.f.)

- $\gamma_m \sim 1$
- 1 family model  $F_\pi = v_{EW}/2$   
 $C \lesssim 1$  from phenomenology and Holographic estimate